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## THOMAS H. CUSHING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:21]

Military District N° 2.
Head Quarters New London
22nd August 1814

*Sir*

I had the honor to receive your Excellency's letter of the 21st instant by Col° Staples, last evening —

It appears that the alarm at New Haven — has been produced in part, by reports which have run through the newspapers — that the Enemy are about to send an army to this country for the purpose of taking possession of Rhode Island, Long Island or New York, as a place of Depot; & that when such army shall arrive the destruction of the principal towns on the sea coast will be attempted — & partly by information obtained from the fleet, by individuals whose fears have been highly excited by the declarations of Mr Stewart & others, that New Haven is destined to inevitable destruction. It is possible that a fleet and army may soon arrive on this coast, & that the destruction of the principal towns may be attempted; but I have no evidence on which I can rely, that such a force is destined to this quarter, or that any thing here is to be attempted on land: & in my estimation the probability that a land force is now on its way to join the fleet in our neighbourhood is very much diminished, by the recent conduct of the fleet itself, which was calculated to excite a pretty general alarm, & bring together a force, sufficient to repel his attempts when reinforced. — Since my last all the Ships have withdrawn except a 74 now at anchor in Gardners Bay, & a large frigate on the out side of the race; & this, & the apparent zeal of Mr Stewart and others connected with the fleet, for the safety of New Haven, may be a stratagem on the part of the Enemy, to draw off the force from this place, and give him an opportunity to return and act against it with an increased force; & I therefore deem it inexpedient to dispence with the Norwich Regiment at this time, particularly as the whole of Genl Ishams Brigade will be discharged on the 23rd 24th 25th 26th & 27th instants

I am fully of your Excellency's opinion that our means of de-

fence should be increased at New Haven, & so soon, as Brigadier General Lusk's Brigade shall have been formed, it is my intention to send a Battalion of it to that place, if it can be spared from this quarter, & if not, I shall not fail to call on your Excellency for an additional force —

I am Sir
Your Excellency's
most obedient Servant
[Signed] T. H. Cushing

His Excellency —
John Cotton Smith —
[Endorsed] From B. General Cushing 22. August 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JIRAH ISHAM

[6:22]

Hartford 23rd Aug. 1814
½ past 6'o'clock A.M —

*Dr Sir* —

Your letter under date of 22nd instant was received by express at three o'clock this morning.

I have only time in reply to communicate my ready assent to the discharge of your brigade, and the high sense I entertain of the heroic spirit displayed by both officers & men on the late trying occasion —

With sentiments of sincere
esteem I am Dr Sir your
obt & hm. sert

B. Genl Isham
[Endorsed] To Brigd Genl Isham 23rd Aug. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[6:23]

Hartford 23. Aug. 1814
6'o'Clock A.M.

*Sir*

Your letter by express arrived at 3 o'clock this morning — The

one by Col. Staples was received last evening — — Doubts are seriously entertained whether the resolve of the Assembly authorizing payment *in full* to the militia or troops of the state extends farther than to such as are ordered into service by the immediate act of the Governour. The words are — "the militia and state-troops of this state now called, or that may be called into service, by His Excellency" &c —

As the *extra*-allowance to the men should be paid in any event, perhaps under the circumstances, it will be most adviseable to discharge their wages in full, and suspend the payment of the officers until I can obtain the advice of the council, who will meet in this city tomorrow — There will comparatively be little trouble in adjusting their claims at a future day. Whereas the number & dispersed state of the soldiers must occasion great difficulty in the settlement of their demands after their discharge — — It may be added that the very large force summoned into the field on the late alarm has produced an expenditure which could hardly have come within the contemplation of the legislature — — I think you may rely on the patriotism & liberality of the officers in assenting to this arrangement — — So far as you may have proceeded before the return of the express your conduct will doubtless be considered as resulting from your best judgment and I presume will be approved — I shall draw on the Comptroller for whatever sum may be necessary for the object —

I am Sir with much regard
your ob$^{t}$ & h$^{m}$ ser$^{t}$
J. C. S —

Major Goddard —
[Endorsed] To Major Goddard —

## RESULT OF COUNCIL

[6:24]

At A Meeting of the Governour and Council in Hartford on Wednesday 24. August 1814 —
The Council do advise the Governour to direct that the Paymaster General discharge the wages in full of the militia lately called into service by order of Major General Williams on the

request of Brigadier General Cushing an officer of the United States, in consequence of the attack upon Stonington —

Attest — JonA Brace Clerk

A true copy of record —
examined by
JonA Brace Clerk

[Endorsed] Result of council de payment of militia Aug. 1814

## RESULT OF COUNCIL

[6:25]

At a Meeting of the Governour and
Council held at Hartford on the 24th day of August AD 1814

His Excellency the Governour laid before the Council, applications from the Civil authority & Selectmen of the Town of New Haven and the Warden & Burgesses of the Burrough of Bridgeport for an increase of the military force Stationed at those places for their defence as also a corespondence between him and Brigadier Gen[l] Cushing in regard to the command of two Regiments of the militia of this State now in Service, and requested the advice of the Council thereupon. —

The Council on mature deliberation can not doubt the right or expediency, under existing circumstances of having in Service from this State a Maj[r] General, Authorized to command Such portion of the military force as is or may be in Service for its defence ——

On a view of the peculiar exposure of the Town of New Haven & the Borrough of Bridgeport, and the increased danger of an attack, The Council do advise that the applications in their behalf be complied with and that a portion of the military force of the State to the number therein Specified be called into Service & placed under the command of the Major General of the State already detailed for public Service —

Read & approved —
Attest Jon Brace Clerk —

A true copy of record —
Examined by
Jon Brace Clerk —

[Endorsed] Result of the Council August 1814 — N° 21.

## HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:26]

New London Aug$^{t}$ 24$^{th}$ 1814

*His Excellency John C. Smith*
*sir*

I received yours of 23$^{d}$ Instant by Express at 11 Oclock last evening, I had paid the 20$^{th}$ Reg$^{t}$ all but the field & staff officers & the subsistance accounts of the whole Reg$^{t}$. I have this day paid the amount of the receipt Rolls to the 8$^{th}$ Regiment by perticular request of Gen$^{l}$ Isham the amount will not differ from your Excellency direction to pay only the men, about $300, I shall continue to pay the rest of the Regiments in the same way as it finishes with the Receipt Rolls from me & M$^{r}$ Perkins — I have drawn an order on the Comptroller for ten thousand Dollars & sent my receipt to him requesting him to place the same to my account in the Hartford Bank, to meet my drafts in favour of the Union Bank here, who have obliged me with the money, to pay the soldiers off, & those other Regiments unless countermanded, by your Excellencys order I shall pay the whole due to Lieu$^{t}$ Samuel L Houghs Detachment at Stonington to be discharged on the 29$^{th}$ Instant also those at saybrook & all the small detachments on the sea Board — some of those officers could not go home unless they could have some assistance as they have been told that the money would be ready for them, they owe for their board &c

I am your Excellencys obedient
& Humble servant
Hez. Goddard P M G

[Superscribed] His Excell$^{y}$ John Cotton Smith Hartford, N. London, C Aug$^{t}$ 25 10

[Endorsed] Major Goddard — 24. Aug. 1814 Payment of militia

6:27 wrapper for letters not included in collection.

## RULES CONCERNING MILITIA DRAFTS

[6:28]

Extract from the Regulations of the War Department page 100 —

*Rules with Regard to Militia Drafts* — —

1st All militia detachments in the service of the United States, must be under the requisition of some officer of the United States (to be hereafter authorized to make such requisition) on the Executive authority of the State, or of the Teritory, from which the detachments shall be drawn — —

2nd In these requisitions shall be expressed the number of privates, non Commissioned and Commissioned officers, required, which shall be in the same proportion to each other, as obtain in the regular army. — The looser method of required regiments or Brigades, will be discontinued. —

3rd So soon as one hundred privates, Eleven non Commissioned and five Commissioned officers, shall have been organized, as a company, under any requisition as aforesaid, they will be mustered, and inspected by an Inspector General, or his assistant, or some other officer of the army of the United States, thereunto specially appointed; upon whose rolls and reports they will be entitled to pay &C. &C —

4th It shall be the duty of the officer so mustering and inspecting Militia detachments, to make immediate report thereof to the War Department. —

and 5th Payments will be made through the regimental Pay Master in all Cases in which the Corps shall be organized as a Regiment; and in all Cases in which it shall fall short of the number necessary to that organization, by the Pay Master Accompanying the army or division to which it may belong

A true Extract
T. H. Cushing
Brigr Gen[l]

[Endorsed] Rules referred to in Gen[l] Cushings letter of 24. Aug. 1814

## THOMAS H. CUSHING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:29]

Military District No 2
Head Quarters New London
24. August 1814

*Sir* —

A copy of your Excellency's letter to me of the 11th instant has been transmitted to the Secretary of war, and I have the honour to enclose an extract of a letter from him on the subject of militia drafts, and a copy of the rules referred to in his letter.

In acting on the late requisition of the President for three thousand men to be organized for the service of the United States, I had presumed that your Excellency would have pursued the course suggested by the requisition, & formed the State's quota into three regiments of one thousand men each, and under that impression in my letter of the 10th instant I did not express the number of privates & non-commissioned officers required. It now appears that a different course has been adopted, and the quota of the state formed into four regiments; But although in point of form there is a considerable difference between the three thousand men as organized by your Excellency & the same number as organized in the army of the United States, yet as a due proportion between officers & privates will be maintained, and no additional expense incurred I shall consider the spirit and the intention of the rule as having been fully complied with by the organization which your Excellency has been pleased to direct —

I am Sir your excellency's
Most Obedient Servant
(Signed) TH. CUSHING
Brigadier General

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH
Governour of Connecticut Hartford —

[Endorsed] From Brig. Genl Cushing 24. August 1814 — Relative to the organization of the detachment & enclosing extract of letter from Secy of War, with rules &c — Recd 25. Aug. & answd same day —

## LEVI LUSK TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:30]

NEW LONDON Aug 25. 1814

*Sir,*

In pursuance of your excellency's instructions I repaired to Norwich on the 23d instant for the purpose of forming the regiment which was ordered to rendevous at that place. On my arrival I received a communication from General Cushing advising me that the detachment from the 3d Brigade was already in service under General Isham and requesting me to order the officers and men assembled at Norwich to repair to New London for the purpose of joining their regiment After giving the necessary orders I repaired immediately to this place and waited upon Gen Cushing to receive his instructions

The first regiment now under my command will be inspected this day by order of General Cushing, and the 3d as soon as it is organized. Gen Cushing informs me that the 1st regiment will be stationed on the west side of the Thames and the third regiment upon the east side of the same river, and that my command will extend from Stonington to New Haven

I have written to the Commissary General on the subject of supplying the militia under my command with same. Mr Goddard informs me that if ordered he can furnish potatoes at 25 cents pr bushel. General Cushing declines furnishing any same at the expence of the United States

I have the honour to be
Sir very respectfully your
Excellency's obedient servant
LEVI LUSK Brig. Gen.
signed pr order E. A. Andrews A D

His Excellency
JOHN C SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Governor of Connecticut Sharon
[Endorsed] Genl L. Lusk — 25. Aug. 1814 recd 26th & answd

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[6:31]

HARTFORD 25. August 1814 —

*Sir*

I avail myself of the earliest mail to inform you the council are of opinion that it will be consistent with *the spirit* of the resolution of the Legislature to pay the wages of the militia lately in service at & near New London, & have accordingly advised me to direct that it be done — As I most cheerfully acquiesce in this determination I do hereby request you to discharge the wages of both officers & men —

I am Sir respectfully your
very ob$^{t}$ ser$^{t}$ —

Major Goddard
P. M. General

[Endorsed] To Major Goddard — P. M General 25$^{th}$ Aug. 1814 — de payment of militia

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO THOMAS H. CUSHING

[6:32]

Hartford 25. August 1814 —

*Sir*

The urgent applications made to me for further means of protection, by the town of New Haven and the borough of Bridgeport have been laid before the Council of the State at their present Session. In pursuance of the resolution adopted by that honourable body as well as from my own conviction of the expediency of the measure I shall order into service six hundred infantry and artillery to be stationed at those two places, with a small section of cavalry to serve as videttes. One hundred men, to take the place of the present guard, it is believed will suffice for Bridgeport, whose citizens following the example of their brethren in N. Haven propose to fortify their harbour by patriotic contribution—

Major General Taylor, already detailed to the command of the militia in service, will take his stand at New Haven with a more immediate view to the defence of that part of the State, and with authority to array a sufficient force at any intermediate point that may be Suddenly attacked by the enemy.

It is not deemed advisable to transfer to New Haven any part

of the troops now at New London, unless a portion can be spared exclusively of the third regiment. Should it appear, as I hope it will, that a reduction of the force at that post may be safely made, justice and humanity alike require that this regiment detached from the third division should be favoured with the earliest relief from duty.

I trust Sir you will readily concur in this arrangement, and will make suitable dispositions for mustering the troops which may be ordered to New Haven and Bridgeport, and for furnishing them with the requisite supplies —

Whilst I am writing, your letter of the 24th instant is received —

As you seem Sir not to have correctly understood the views of this government with respect to the late detachment, it is fit that I state them to you distinctly —

The communication from the war-department under date of the 4th July last, relative to a detachment from the militia for the purpose therein mentioned, did not assume the style of a *"requisition"*; and for the obvious reason that there existed no law to authorize it. The *invitation* (for such was its purport) was accepted by the executive of this state from a desire to cooperate in what appeared to the President a proper measure of defence for the Atlantic coast. The *terms* of compliance are contained in the general orders issued on the 28th July, a transcript of which you have received.

In organizing the regiments I conformed as nearly as possible to the act of Congress passed the 8th May 1792 — I am not informed that there is now in operation any other act of the National legislature on that subject. If your instructions from the war-department materially interfere with the requirements of this act, it is indeed a subject of regret, but not of doubt as to the authority which ought in such case to prevail — I am happy however to perceive that you do not consider the difference as essentially varying the result —

To the observation of the Secretary of war that "when any number less than 4000 is required, a Major General cannot be recognized", I shall only reply that in apportioning the quota

of *three* thousand to this state, he has expressly assigned a Major General to the command —

Brig$^{d}$ Gen$^{l}$ CUSHING —

[Endorsed] To Brig. Gen. Cushing — 25. August 1814 — N$^{o}$ 22.

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[6:33]

HARTFORD 26. August 1814

*Sir* —

I have drawn on the comptroller in your favour for 15000 dollars —

A loan to the State has become necessary — It is negotiated at the Hartford bank — but on condition that the *bills* of that bank are to be received, and paid over to the individuals claimants. The council have advised to the acceptance of these terms and it is expected that you conform to them in your future disbursements — —

I am Sir your obedient
and humble ser$^{t}$

Major GODDARD —

[Endorsed] Major Goddard P. M. Gen$^{l}$ 26. Aug. 1814 de loan & bills of Hartford bank —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA COLT

[6:34]

HARTFORD 25. Aug. 1814

*Elisha Colt Esq$^{r}$*
*Comptroller of Public accounts*

*Sir*

You will be pleased to draw on the treasurer in favor Major H. Goddard P. M. Gen$^{l}$ for such sums as he shall require for the public service, not exceeding in the whole fifteen thousand dollars — for which he is to Account —

J. C. S —

[Endorsed] Order on Compt$^{r}$ Copy — P. M. Gen$^{l}$ 25. Aug. 1814 Mem$^{d}$ Authorized the treasurer to borrow 50,000 dolls — —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AMAZIAH BRAY

[6:35]

HARTFORD 27. August 1814

*Sir* —

I highly commend your efforts and those of the citizens of Saybrook to put Fort Fenwick into a respectable state of defence — and it would afford me pleasure to comply with your request, by ordering pickets and other materials for the work — But as no appropriations are made by the legislature for such objects it is not in my power to authorize the expense — I have however directed the Q. M. General to select if possible from the ordnance belonging to the State more suitable guns for the fort than are now there — We have a twelve pounder in Fort Griswold, and it is not improbable Gen[l] Cushing may be able to spare us that gun or procure others for us in its stead —

The guards will in future be supplied from the detachment gone to N. London, and I trust will be considerably enlarged. Who will be your successor in command I know not, but it is desireable he should receive from you that instruction in the routine of the service which your skill & experience will abundantly enable you to afford —

Special care must be taken of the field artillery

I am Sir with sincere regard

Your Ob[t] & humble servant

Capt. BRAY

[Endorsed] To Capt. Bray 27. Aug. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[6:36]

HARTFORD 27. Aug. 1814 —

*Dear Sir*

The council after mature deliberation have unanimously decided that a Major General was properly detailed to the command of the militia in service, and have advised me to instruct him to take his stand at N. Haven. It is proposed to station at least 500 infantry and artillery at that place and 100 at Bridge-

port. The citizens at both places are volunteering to fortify their harbours. The troops for these stations will either be drawn from N. London — or will be taken from corps nearer at hand — I send this day to acquaint Gen[l] Cushing with the arrangement — if he concurs, well — if not, he must learn that the military force of Connecticut is not exclusively at his disposal —

From this brief sketch you will perceive that your duty will lead you to N. Haven as speedily as your convenience will permit — I shall probably take that city in my route home, and hope to be at Sharon in the course of the next week — instructions will either be left for you at N. Haven, or forwarded from Sharon in case you shall have taken your departure before my arrival —

There can be little doubt that the city of Washington is by this time in the hands of the British — After having accomplished their work in that region, there is reason to apprehend their appearance at N. York or in our waters & perhaps both —

In haste I am D[r] Sir very sincerely your
ob[t] ser[t]

[Endorsed] To M. Gen[l] Taylor —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[6:37]

HARTFORD 27. Aug. 1814 —

*Sir* —

Having conferred with the Council who happened to be in Session when your communication respecting the defence of Bridgeport was received, I conclude to relieve the present guard with one hundred men. Orders will be issued for that purpose before I leave this city —

The proposal on the part of your citizens to follow the example of other populous Sea ports in erecting fortifications by patriotic contribution is highly commendable — The Q. M. General will be with you in the course of next week to make arrangements respecting ordnance

I am Sir with sincere regard
your ob[t] & hm. ser[t]

B. Gen[l] Foote —
[Endorsed] To Gen[l] Foote — 27. Aug. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[6:38]

Hartford 27. Aug 1814

*D[r] Sir*

Your several favours of the 12 & 15[th] instant forwarded to Sharon have found me here. I thank you for the various information they contain —

It is expected the guards at Stonington & Saybrook will be supplied from the troops in service at N. London — The council have advised to station a force at N. Haven and an increase of the guard at Bridgeport — Orders will be issued by me for that purpose, and to save time will be sent directly to officers in the vicinity of those places —

I can now only add that I am D[r] Sir
very sincerely your ob[t] ser[t]

Adj[t] Gen[l] Huntington —
[Endorsed] To Ad. Gen[l] Huntington 27. Aug. 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA COLT

[6:39]

Hartford 27. August 1814

*Elisha Colt Esquire*
*Comptroller of public accounts* —

*Sir*

You will be pleased to draw on the treasurer in favour of Col. John Mix Quarter Master General for such sums as he shall require for the public service not exceeding in the whole two thousand dollars, for which he is to account —

J. C. S —

[Endorsed] Col. J. Mix — order order on treasury $2000 — 27. Aug. 1814 —

[6:40]

Return of Officers and men now in the service of the United States at New London in the Brigade of drafted Militia Commanded by Brigadier Genl. Levi Lusk — — — — — — — —

| | Brigadier | Bd. Major | Aid de Camp | Lt Colonels — — | Majors | Adjt | Qr Masters | Pay Master | Chaplain | Surgeon | Surgeon's Mate | Sergt Majors | Qr Ms Sergts | Drum Majors | Fife Majors | Capts | Lieuts | Ensigns | Sergts | Corporals | Musicians | Privates | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brigade Staff — | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st Regiment | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 33 | 29 | 20 | 641 | 760 |
| 3d Regiment | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 29 | 25 | 10 | 343 | 442 |
| Total Brigade | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 19 | 13 | 62 | 54 | 30 | 984 | 1202 |

New London 27th Augt. 1814 — — — — — —

A true Return of the Brigade of drafted Militia under the command of Brigr Genl. Lusk —

George Plummer Brigd Majr

## THOMAS H. CUSHING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:41]

Military District N° 2
Head Quarters New London
28. August 1814

*Sir*

Your Excellency's letter of the 25th instant was received last evening and shall be submitted to the Secretary of war by the next mail.

Not having "the communication from the war-department under date of the 4th July" before me when my letter to your Excellency of the 24th instant was written, I inadvertantly used the term *requisition* where I should have employed that of *invitation,* and I beg leave to assure your Excellency that this was done without any intention or desire of giving to the invitation of the President, or the acceptance of your Excellency, a different understanding from that originally intended.

By the return of Brigadier General Lusk's brigade herewith enclosed, you will find that no more than twelve hundred and two men officers included have joined & been mustered for service. This force though small I have considered sufficient under present circumstances for New Haven & the Sea-coast to Stonington inclusive; and arrangements are making for a Major & three companies of the first regiment to take post at New Haven, and one company of the third to relieve the detachment at Stonington, whose term of service will expire on the 29th of this month.

As it is the opinion of your Excellency that Six hundred men should be stationed at New Haven and Bridgeport, I shall make the necessary arrangements for the muster and Supply of that number so soon as I am informed by your Excellency that they with a due proportion of officers have been ordered to New Haven for the service of the United States, & to receive & obey my orders. But I must expressly state that under existing circumstances a Major General cannot be recognized as a part of the State's quota of militia now in service or permitted to ex-

ercise command over them or the Six hundred to be posted at New Haven, who will be considered as a part of Brigadier General Lusk's brigade.

Should your Excellency think proper to order Six hundred men duly officered to rendezvous at New Haven under the conditions in the preceding paragraph, it will be in my power to discharge a considerable portion if not the whole of the third regiment; and I shall suspend the march of the Detachment of the first regiment to New Haven, until I am advised of your Excellency's determination on this subject.

I trust your Excellency will duly appreciate the frankness with which this communication is made, and rest Satisfied of my disposition to give effect to such arrangements in relation to the militia in service as you may desire, so far as they may be deemed compatible with a faithful discharge of the duties required of me by the government of the United States —

I am Sir your Excellency's
Most obedient servant
(Signed) T. H. Cushing
Brig. General

His Excellency
John Cotton Smith
Governour of Connecticut—

[Endorsed] From Gen[l] Cushing — 28. August 1814 answered 30th — —

## ISAAC REDFIELD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:42]

*Sir*

I have inclosed a certificate from Doc[t] Austin Olcott stating the complaint with which I am troubled and Should you think propper to send me a discharge you would much oblige your humble servant by inclosing it

Isaac Redfield

Killingworth 29th August 1814

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Esq[r] Sharon

*Connecticut* Killingworth Ct August 30th Paid 10 Unpaid 10

[Endorsed] Sergeant Redfield's request for a discharge 2nd comp. Artv Mil. Cops — 20th Sept 1814 gave an order to excuse him from service until farther orders —

[6:43]

This may certify, that Isaac Redfield Sergt belonging to the 2nd Compv of State Artilv, has been for more than one year, verry much exercis'd with frequent, and severe paroxisms of Asthma; which are invariably excited, by fatigue, and exposure to moderately cold or damp air — From the existing unabated operation of the complaint upon him, the enerating effects it has already produc'd, and the obstinate nature of the diseas — I am of opinion, that he is not now, or will be for many years (if during his life) an able and fit subject of military duty.

AUSTIN OLCOTT Surgn & Physn

KILLINGWORTH
August 29th 1814.

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO THOMAS H. CUSHING

[6:44]

HARTFORD 30. August 1814

*Sir*

Col. Ward has delivered me your letter of the 28th instant —

In referring you to the views of this government respecting the detachment of militia lately organized, it was my design, not to criticise your language, but to point your attention to the precise conditions upon which that detachment was formed. — The right of command, you will perceive, is expressly reserved. — The detachment thus constituted is accepted; and with a knowledge of the reservation just mentioned you requested a large portion of the troops for public service. Whatever sentiments therefore may be entertained as to the right of the executive of the state to direct its military force when ordinarily employed in national service, it surely cannot be questioned in the

present instance. If at your particular desire Brigadier General Lusk was ordered to report himself to you in the manner suggested in my letter of the 11th instant, I trust it evinces a spirit of accommodation, which will be duly appreciated —

I think Sir you will be satisfied upon reflection that you should have requested the Major General when you called for a majority of the detachment; especially if you consider that another brigade of militia was at that time on duty and, from appearances the services of both might become necessary. That a brigadier general of the regular army with no troops *in the field,* should insist on the command of two entire brigades of militia whose brigadier generals held senior commissions, would have produced a case which neither precedent nor principle could justify. To avoid so unusual and embarrassing a state of things it became my duty to order the Major General into service. Having been properly detailed, no casual diminution of numbers can affect his right of command.

I enclose the opinion of the Council in relation as well to this point as to the employment of a larger force at New Haven and Bridgeport. Their opinion is in perfect accordance with my own, and will therefore be carried into effect. — The troops destined for those posts will arrive, at New Haven on the 8th and at Bridgeport on the 13th of September next. If no officer of the United States shall appear to muster them, that duty will be performed by an officer of the militia agreeably to the late act of congress. If supplies are withheld by your order they will be furnished by the proper officers of the state, and charged to the United States. —

It is hoped the services of the third regiment may be dispensed with for the present —

From the harmony with which the service was conducted the last season under an arrangement not essentially dissimilar, I flattered myself that a temper equally conciliatory would distinguish the present campaign. — Whilst I lament that any difference of opinion should exist as to the particular mode of defending our country at a moment when its dearest interests

are in jeopardy, I cannot lose sight of the high duties which I am solemnly bound to discharge —

With respectful consideration I am
Sir your obedient and humble
Servant
JOHN COTTON SMITH

Brig$^{d}$ Gen$^{l}$ CUSHING
[Endorsed] To Brig$^{d}$ Gen$^{l}$ Cushing 30. Aug. 1814 — N° 24.

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO LEVI LUSK

[6:45]

HARTFORD 30. Aug. 1814

*Sir*

The number of troops mentioned in my last are ordered to N. Haven and Bridgeport — none therefore will be expected from N. London — Under this arrangement it is presumed the third regiment of detached militia may be dismissed the whole or a part for the present and reserved for future emergencies — If on consulting with Brigadier General Cushing you shall find this can be done with safety, the sooner it is accomplished the better —

Your letter by Col. Ward is received — Let a Surgeon's mate be detached for the 1$^{st}$ reg$^{t}$ agreeably to your desire —

Major General Taylor may be expected on the coast very shortly —

I have only time to add that I am
with sincere regard Sir your obedient
& hum. ser$^{t}$
J. C. SMITH —

B. Gen$^{l}$ LUSK

N. B I shall set out for N. Haven this day & return to H Wedsdy or thurday — The mail having closed & there being no other till friday this letter will be put in the office at N. H. in expectation of an earlier conveyance —
[Endorsed] To Gen$^{l}$ Lusk

## SAMUEL CARTER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:46]

*To his Excellency John C Smith Captain General & Commander in & over the Military force of the State of Connecticutt* ———
*Sir,* Isaac Redfield a Sergeant belonging to the 2nd Company of State Artilery hath for several Years past been subject to paroxism of Asthmatic Complaints which have for six or Eight months past greatly increased upon him probably occasioned by a severe shock of the typus fever by which his lungs were much affected — During the term in which his Company was in actual service he was unable to perform any service. He is now from bodily weakness unable to do any manul Labor & if he is exposed to Night or damp Air he is subject to a relapse which frequently disables him from laying on a Bed for the space of several days. I am of the opinion it would not be in his power to perform a tour of military Service

Certified by SAMUEL CARTER
Surgeon to 7th Regt Militia

SAYBROOK 1st Septr 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JAMES WARD

[6:47]

HARTFORD 1. Sept. 1814

*Colo. James Ward, Commissary General*
*Sir*

You are directed to furnish the troops ordered to New Haven and Bridgeport with the necessary supplies appertaining to your department until the United States make provision for them, or until farther orders — Also in case the United States should cease to Supply the troops of the state in service at other posts you will provide for them until otherwise directed —
[Endorsed] Instructions to Col. Ward 1. Sept. 1814

## GENERAL ORDERS

[6:48]

State of Connecticut

HARTFORD 1. Sept. 1814

General orders

The Captain General directs that Division inspectors shall wear the uniform already established for the General staff — Their badges two epaulettes and one *light blue* plume in the hat — Division Quarter Masters the same uniform. Their badges two epaulettes, and one *black plume with a red top* in the hat — Aid de camps to Brigadier Generals the same uniform — Their badges one epaulette on the right shoulder and one *white* plume in the hat —

Brigade Quarter Masters by the late act of Congress have the rank of Captain they shall in future therefore wear one epaulette on the *right* shoulder instead of the *left* as heretofore prescribed.

By order &c

[Endorsed] General orders 1. Sept. 1814 uniform & badges in certain cases —

## LEVI LUSK TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:49]

NEW LONDON 2d Septr 1814

*His Excellency John C. Smith Esqr*

*Sir:*

Five companies of infantry, belonging to the first regiment, continue upon Town Hill. The tents, which they occupy, with the exception of twenty, which have been furnished by the United States, since the date of my last communication, are the property of this State. The remaining four companies, of the same Regt including the company of artillery, continue at the Court house, and in barracks adjoining. One company of the 3d Regt has proceeded to Stonington. For the remainder of the 3d regt only fifteen tents have been furnished.

Agreeably to your Excellency's direction, of the 26th and 30th ultimo, I have had frequent conferences with Genl Cushing on the subject of a reduction of the forces in this neighborhood. The result, of these conferences, has been, that, General Cushing will consent to the discharge of the greater part of the 3d regiment,

provided that the detachment intended for New Haven and Bridgport be annexed to my Brigade and subject through me to his command.

Many cases have occured in which the officers and soldiers now on duty at this place have produced satisfactory evidence that their families were sick and distressed, and that their presence at home for a few days was essential to the comfort of their friends. Applications to Gen[l] Cushing, for obtaining furloughs, have in most of these cases been refused, and I am informed by him that in no case, agreeably to the regulations of the war department, can a furlough be granted by myself. If your excellency has any communications to make to me on the subject, they will be thankfully received.

I am Sir your Excellencys most
obedient and humble servant
LEVI LUSK

His Excellency
JOHN C SMITH Esq[r]
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esq[r] Hartford
[Endorsed] Gen[l] Lusk 2. Sept. 1814 —

## INSTRUCTIONS TO MAJOR GENERAL AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[6:50]

State of Connecticut
HARTFORD 3. Sept. 1814 —

*Major General Augustine Taylor*
*Sir*

As you have been detailed to the command of the detached militia in service at New-London and its vicinity you will repair as soon as possible to that post and make such dispositions of the troops as the defence & safety of that part of the State shall require; taking care however not to *station* any part of the force under your command out of the limits or jurisdiction of the state. The officer commanding the United States troops at New London having expressed his opinion that the third regiment of drafted militia may under present appearances be relieved from

duty, you will immediately attend to that subject, and if you should be of the same opinion, you will lose no time in dismissing that regiment or such part of it as may be safely dispensed with — and should a reduction in the number of general and staff officers become expedient in consequence of this measure, you are at liberty to make it accordingly ——

The guards at Stonington, and at Saybrook and Killingworth are to be relieved from time to time from the force stationed at New London —

The troops ordered to New Haven & Bridgeport are also to be considered under your command, and it will be your duty to visit those posts at an early day and attend to a proper distribution of the force. It is believed the number ordered to Bridgeport will be Sufficient to cover Stratford point and Blackrock — an arrangement probably which will even add to the Security of Bridgeport itself —

In the event of an attack by the enemy at any point within the limits of your command, you will call on the officers of the militia who are duly authorized, for such aid as the emergency may require, proportioning your call to the occasion, giving notice to the commander in chief as the law requires in such cases, and keeping the additional force in the field no longer than the exigency evidently demands — In all cases where troops are called into service or dismissed particular attention must be paid to their being mustered in the mode pointed out by the late act of Congress.

You will assiduously cultivate a good understanding with the national troops, whenever you may be brought into conjunction with them, and inculcate a similar disposition upon the officers and men under your command.

An officer of your consideration and experience will feel the necessity of paying a critical attention to the health cleanliness and accommodation of the troops, as well as to their discipline and morals. The rules for their government are contained in the act passed by the General Assembly upon that subject at their last Session, excepting that the troops in service belonging to the

"Military Corps" will be governed by the particular regulations applicable to that corps.

Such arms and accoutrements as may be required to supply unavoidable deficiencies amongst the troops, you will obtain from the Q. M. General, and will consider yourself responsible for their safe return at the close of the Service, the casualties of war excepted —

You will make your Head Quarters at Such place on the coast as under a view of all circumstances will best enable you to promote the interest of the Service, reporting your proceedings regularly to the Commander in chief at least once in each week —

By order of His Excellency the Commander in Chief

JOSEPH TRUMBULL
Aid de Camp —

— Copy —

[Endorsed] Instructions to Major General Taylor — 3. Sept. 1814 — N° 28.

## ENOCH FOOTE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:51]

BRIDGEPORT Septem^r 3^d — 1814

*Dear Sir* I have rec^d your Excellencys order dircting me to order into Service one Hundred men out of the Troops ditached from the 4^th Brigade by your Excellencys order of the 28^th of July Last — but on examination of my Inspectors orderly Book I find it imposable for me to fully Comply with your Excellencys order which renders it nessary for me to trouble your Excellency with this Letter —

the order from the Adg^t Genl of the 28^th of July Last was to detach and hold in rediness about 300 men with ownly one exception Viz — that I except from this draft those who had in person or by Substitute performed a tower duty the present Season — of Corse the Detachment was Gen^l througout the Brigade as well on those Companys bordering on the Sea board as on those who had performed a Twour of Duty Last Season at New London — — the present order is to order into Service

100 men from those troops in the before mentioned draft or detachment excusing from this order those who performed a Tower of Duty Last Season of 45 Days and those in towns bordering on the Sea Coast —

I have thirfour to inform your Excellency that thire is not a Sufficiant number of men detached under the beforementioned order of the 28th of July Last to fill the present order of 100 men — in the towns back from the Sea Shore and to except those who performed a Tower of duty the Last Season 45 days — I have isued my order which will draw in to Service all which your Excellencys order (Last Recd) does not excuse which will be about 80 men — —

Question— Shall I Call into Service f[rom] those Towns bordering on the Sea board a number to make your Excellencys Last order Compleat of 100 men — will your Excellency be pleased to dirct — in my humble oppinion no eavel Can insue from such a proceeding —

2d Coll G-Burr of the 4th Rgt Infantry informed me this day that Mr R- M- Sherman one of the Counsel informed him that this 100 Troops ware to be stationed along the Sea board Signifying some of them ware to be Stationed at Fairfield &c—

Question am I to place the before mentioned troops at Bridgeport and at Some other exposed points acording to my own disgretion or shall I direct a guard whare the inhabitants demands —

With much respect and Esteem I am
your Excellencys abnt sernt —
Enoch Foote

John C Smith Esqr

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr at Hartford or Sharon 10

[Endorsed] Brig. Genl Foote 3. Sept. recd & answd 6th de guards —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN ARMSTRONG

[6:52]

State of Connecticut
HARTFORD September 3. 1814 —

*Sir*

In consequence of the exposed and defenceless situation of the town of New Haven and borough of Bridgeport I have thought proper, by the advice of the Council to order into service Six hundred men for the protection of those places. The General officer of the United States located at New London has been advised of this proceedure, and has also been requested to cause the troops to be duly mustered and supplied. He admits the propriety of the measure, but as I understand, refuses to comply with the request; and on grounds which in my view are wholly inadmissible —

It is my duty Sir to inform you of these circumstances, and to express the assurance I feel that you will order the requisite Supplies to be immediately furnished —

Disposed to repel the attempts of the common enemy by a prudent and vigorous employment of the military force at my command, I shall rely with confidence on such aid as it may be in the power of the General government to afford — I have the honour to be

very respectfully Sir your obedient
& humble servant

The Hon[bl] the Secretary of war —
[Endorsed] To Secretary of war 3. Sept. 1814 — N° 26.

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[6:53]

HARTFORD 5. Sept. 1814
Monday evening

*Dear Sir*

You will perceive from the enclosed instructions that it is expected of you to visit N. London without delay. As this part of your duty may be attended with some difficulty I am very

desirous of seeing you before your departure for that post if possible. It is my intention to set out for Colchester tomorrow & return to this city on thursday morning — Will it not be practicable for you to meet me here at that time? — My long absence renders it indispensable for me to return home by the close of the week — I write to Col. Sanford by the present conveyance giving him some directions relative to the *mustering* of the troops &c not knowing that you would be in N. Haven at the time — That officer I doubt not will attend to the organization of the force in your absence — that circumstance therefore need not prevent you from meeting me here as proposed — —
[Endorsed] To Gen[l] Taylor 5. Sept. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELIHU SANFORD

[6:54]

HARTFORD 5. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

Whether Major General Taylor will be in New Haven at the time the troops arrive is doubtful — In any event particular attention must be paid to the muster — Brigadier General Howe has a copy of the act of congress lately passed upon this subject, which you will please to examine & conform scrupulously to its provisions — — You will also attend, as already recommended, to the due proportion in the number of officers & privates —

I am Sir your obedient and
humble servant

Col. E. SANFORD —
[Endorsed] To Col. Sanford 5. Sept. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[6:55]

HARTFORD 6. Sept. 1814

*Sir* —

Your letter of the 3[rd] instant is this moment received — Major General Taylor when he arrives will attend to the posting of the guards — and if he should not reach Bridgeport in season

I trust you will do that Service, as well as see that the troops are duly mustered according to the act of Congress — It is expected the number of men will be sufficient to keep a lookout from stratford point to Black Rock and that this arrangement will essentially contribute to the Safety of Bridgeport itself —

I concur in your opinion that it will be proper to supply the residue of the force from the detached militia in towns on the coast — particularly such as are immediately contiguous — Those places which will not be covered at all by the guard had best be exempted — Let such therefore be the regulation for this time — I am Sir respectfully your obedient

Servant J. C. S —

B. Gen[l] Foote

## MORGAN LEWIS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:56]

New York 6[th] Sept: 1814

*Sir.*

A part of the force from the state of New Jersey originally intended for the defence of this City has by a subsequent arrangement of the Government been directed to another point. — Under these circumstances permit me to ask if any and what assistance from the State you have the honor to preside over, may be relied on in the event of an actual Invasion of this Capital.

I have the Honor to be
Most Respectfully
Your Excell'y's
Obt. Servt.
Morgan Lewis.

His Excellency
John C. Smith
Governor of Connecticut

[Endorsed] Major Gen[l] Lewis 6. Sept. 1814 answ[d] 17[th]

## REPRESENTATION FROM GUILFORD

[6:57]

Guilford Sep[tr] 6[th] 1814

*To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire*
*Cap^t^ Gen^l^ & Commander in Chief of the Connecticut Militia,*
*Sir,*

The undersigned deem it their duty to represent to your Excellency that they in common with the rest of the inhabitants of this Town, feel that their property is very much exposed to destruction from the incursions of the enemy, & beg leave to ask of your Excellency that a moderate military force may be stationed in this Town as a guard & defence & that a number of muskets may be deposited in the hands of the Select Men to be used as occasion may require.

Your Excellency will recollect that no military force is at present stationed between Killingworth & New Haven, & that consequently there is a line of coast of more than twenty miles wholly destitute of any guard, & completely exposed to the depredations of the enemy. There is now lying directly opposite this Town & but a small distance from the shore, two frigates & a brig, whose barges have during the day kept the Inhabitants in a constant state of alarm. A vessel has been taken from one of our harbours, & a frequent exchange of shot has taken place between our people & the barges, & at one time a considerable number of the English were on shore. In such a state of things all business must cease unless an efficient guard be stationed, on which the Inhabitants may rely for immediate information, & for protection till they can assemble. There is a present a considerable number of valuable vessels in our rivers; removed up indeed as far as practicable, but still plainly to be seen from ships in the Sound.

We would suggest to your Excellency that, in our opinion, from the extent of sea coast in this Town, it would be necessary to have guards stationed at three several points, & that two or three hundred stand, of arms together with a proportionate quantity of ammunition would not be more than prudence requires us to ask for —

With sentiments of respect & esteem,
we have the honor to be

Your Excellency's most obt &
very humble Servants —

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| HENRY HILL<br>NATH^L GRIFFING<br>SAM^L FOWLER | Civil<br>Authority |
| JEDEDIAH LATHROP<br>TIMOTHY STONE<br>SAMUEL SPENCER | Select<br>Men — |

[Superscribed] His Excellency, JOHN COTTON SMITH, Esquire, Capt. Gen^l Conn^t Militia, Sharon Cn^t

[Endorsed] Representation from Guilford 6. Sept. 1814 rec^d 8^th & guard ordered — See letter to Col. E. Sanford —

## WILLIAM M. BETTS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:58]

NORWALK Sep^tr 6: 1814

*Sir*

By request I inclose you Copy of an Enrollment of a Company form'd of Military Exempts in this Town requesting your Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary orders to be given for their organization

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
sir
Your Obed^t Serv
W. M. BETTS

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Sharon C^t Free W. M. Betts P.M. Norwalk C^t Aug^t 6^th

[Endorsed] W. M. Betts Esqr 6. Sept. — 1814 answ^d 23^d —

## ASA COPELAND TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:59]

POMFRET Sept^r 7. 1814.

*To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr.*

*Sir,*

On the return of Sylvanus Backus Esq. from the last Session of the General Assembly, I was presented with a Majors Commission in the 2d Regt of the State Corps.

The Commission not having the Sanction of the Seal of the State, I immediately addressed a note to Gen. Terry informing him of the circumstance — that I had insuperable objections, to accepting the appointment, and wished under existing circumstances, to be considered as not holding any Military Rank whatever.

Contrary, Sir, to my expectations I have recently received another Commission of the same date of the one above mentioned, duly sanctioned with the Seal of this State, although my objections are not removed; neither has any satisfactory elucidation taken place. — — — — —

Inspired with emotions of Gratitude, I take the Liberty of expressing my warmest acknowledgements, to your Excellency, and the Honourable Council for this distinguished mark of confidence, and approbation.

Candor, Sir, forbids my pleading inability either from bodily infirmity; or superannuation; but having devoted my juvenile years to the service of my Country, (in that conflict that gained our Independence,) as a Pupil under the Illustrious Washington I now with due defference solicit your Excellencys permission to retire from service, and should be highly gratified, if my request can consistently be granted without being under the painful necessity of assigning any further reasons. —

It is with extreme reluctance that I intrude upon your Excellency on this occasion, considering the important crisis of our public affairs; but a sense of duty impels me to it.

I very highly esteem the Military Corps of this state, and every Officer, and Soldier attached to it and should feel a noble pride in exerting my slender abilities, in promoting its Honor, Discipline, and respectability, were there not some inconsistencies, which I cannot, at at present, reconcile my personal feelings to.

With the highest consideration,
and esteem, I am your

Excellencys
most Humble, and Obd[t]
Servant.
ASA COPELAND

His Excellency Gov[r] SMITH.
[Superscribed] His Ex [cell]ency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq.
Captain General State of Connecticut Sharon

## HEZEKIAH HOWE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:60]

NEW HAVEN 7 September 1814

*sir*

An alarm having been excited here yesterday morning, by the appearance of two large ships of the Enemy a little to the eastward of this, & certain information that a large number of barges in advance of them, were seen close in with the Branford shore,

I deemed it my duty, after suitable deliberation on consultation with proper officers, to call out the troops in the immediate vicinity, — accordingly orders were issued to the commanding officers of the Battalion of Artillery & of four companies of the second Regiment of Infantry, to call out the men under their command, a request was also made to the commanding officers of the Horse & Foot Guards to call out their respective Companies, it is with pleasure that I add that calls were all promptly made, & obeyed with alacrity. Col[o] Staples with the Company of Horse Guards proceeded as far as Branford where some of the barges had attempted a landing, & it appearing advisable to keep up a patrol at this place thro the night, the Company remained on duty thro the night, they have have returned & are dismissed. — — the other troops were discharged last evening with the exception two subalterns guards for the night only, one of thirty men stationed at different points in East Haven & one of twenty on the western part of New Haven. — — I have this day given orders for a subalterns guard of thirty for the night, which I hope will be the last which the Militia of this vicinity will have occasion to furnish this season, as it is to be presumed

that the detachment to be stationed here under Col° Sanford will be ready to do this duty by another evening

Major Parmele of the 27th Regiment, in the absence of Col° Baldwin exercised the authority by law vested in the Commandant, he has advised me that he yesterday called out a full Company of Infantry as a guard for Guilford & Branford to be at different points for eight days unless sooner discharged

The ships came to anchor yesterday afternoon off Guilford about five miles from the shore where they still remain, they were joined by a Brig soon after they came to Anchor

I should have sent immediate notice of my proceedings by Express but having been informed that your Excellency was absent from home & would be at Hartford on Thursday, I have deemed it not incorrect to adopt the course now taken; this will be handed you by Col° Staples who will be able to communicate particulars more minutely

Respectfully I am sir
Your Most Obedt servt
HEZEKIAH HOWE
Brigadier General
second Brigade

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Hartford Col Staples

[Endorsed] Brig. Genl Howe 7. Sept. 1814 alarm at N. Haven recd 9th answd 10th

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELIHU SANFORD

[6:61]

HARTFORD 8. Sept. 1814 —

*Col. E. Sanford*
*Sir*

In consequence of an urgent application from the civil authority & selectmen of Guilford I consider it necessary for you to extend your guards as far as that place. If this can be done from your present force I should be extremely glad, if not you

are hereby directed to detach from Capt. Chittenden's company of state troops 1 subaltern 2 sergeants 2 coporals & forty privates to be added to your present command This addition I trust will enable you to furnish guards at the points most exposed between Guilford & New Haven, either by employing these same troops in that service or placing them elsewhere & substituting others of your men as you shall deem advisable —

I am told the Colonel of the 27th regiment by the approbation of Genl Howe has already called out a guard of militia infantry at Guilford — but having no official information of such a proceedure as the statute plainly requires, I can hardly believe the measure has been adopted. If such is the fact however you will immediately post the guard from your troops & let the militia be dismissed —

Expecting Major Genl Taylor here this evening, no communication is addressed to him upon this subject —

I am sir your obt sert

J. C. S — Captt Gen.

P. S. I know not yet what provision the Com. Genl has made for the troops; but if necessary Nathl Griffen Esqr will supply the men who may be posted at Guilford on the same terms as those stationed at N. Haven — —

[Endorsed] To Col. Sanford — 8. Sept. 1814 guards at Guilford

## CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:62]

Middletown Septembr 8th 1814

*Sir*

For some time past Gentlemen of this place have applied to me almost daily to enquire whether some method cannot be adopted for organizing a Corps of artillery in this Town. There are About one hundred Men chiefly exempts & Sailors, who are willing to organize themselves as artillery; of these probably more than half are exempts. There are also on the roll of the 1 Battan Compy 23d Regt more than Two hundred names. The Masters & Mates of Vessels as well as Sailors feel themselves



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very awkwardly situated — they are perhaps in strictness of Law liable to militia Duty, but from their habits of Life are very averse to it, though perfectly willing to pull & hawl at the Gun If they cannot avoid it they will pay their fines but will not do duty in the Infantry. I have informed the Gentlemen that I was perfectly confident that y$^{r}$ Excellency would patronize evry attempt to increase & render more effective the military force of the State, as far as it could done with propriety

As the Persons proposing to join this Corps are chiefly exempts or those who will be exempt in time of peace, they wish to have their Company so organized as to be subject to the orders of y$^{r}$ Excellency & their own Officers & so as not to be annexed to the Militia. In Case they are organized, they will want four pieces of Cannon. These the Company & Town will be willing to purchase in y$^{e}$ first instance, if the State will reimburse them at convenient time. Iron Sixes, weighing but about half a hundred more than our brass Sixes can be purchased in Philadelphia & can be mounted in a short time at a reasonable expence.

If the Guns were mounted so as to be moved by Bricoles instead of Drag ropes (which I believe is in the opinion of modern artillerists the best mode) with the ammunition Box between the Cheeks, the Guns would be so fitted that Cavalry could be drilled to use them & would become Horse artillery in a short time.

Sailors would also use Bricoles with more facility than Drag Ropes. If y$^{r}$ Excellency should think proper to give your approbation to the proposed association the Gentlemen would immediately organize themselves, so that whatever is necessary to be done by the Legislature may done at the next Session. I am with great respect

yr Excellencys most
Obed$^{t}$ Ser$^{t}$ CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq$^{r}$

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq$^{r}$
Hartford Single 8

[Endorsed] Col. Whittelsey 8. Sept. 1814 de artillery comp. rec$^{d}$ & answered same day —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY

[6:63]

HARTFORD 8. Sept. 1814

*Dear Sir*

Your favour of this day is received — It will afford me great pleasure to organize a volunteer company of artillery in Middletown. My powers you are sensible are limited by the Act of the Gen$^{l}$ Assembly upon that Subject, but from your representation I think a numerous & efficient body of artillerists may be formed without encroaching upon the militia. The proposition to furnish the necessary ordnance in the first instance is certainly liberal & I presume will meet the approbation of the legislature —

We are in urgent want of this species of force — I must therefore highly applaud the spirit displayed by your citizens & they may rest assured of my zealous endeavours to give it effect —

I am D$^{r}$ sir with sincere
regard your ob$^{t}$ & hm. ser$^{t}$

COL. WHITTELSEY —

[Endorsed] To Col. Whittelsey de artillery — 8. Sept. 1814 —

## JOHN BRAINERD TO BENJAMIN HURD

[6:64]

HADDAM Sept$^{r}$ 8 $^{th}$ 1814

*Cap$^{t}$ Benjamin Hurd*

*Sir*

Having this Day Rec'd information from you that you have called the Company under your Command into Service, you are hereby requested & Commanded to Continue them in service untill further orders. — — — — — If your Company has not been Mustered you will Cause it to be mustered imediately by an

Officer of the Militia under the grade of Lieutanant Co'l if no officer of the United States is Present or near at hand

JOHN BRAINERD 2nd Lieut
Col 7th Regt of
Con. Militia

[Superscribed] Capt BENJAMIN HURD Killingworth

## BENJAMIN BALDWIN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:65]

*To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr*
*Captain General and Commander in Chief in and*
*over the State of Connecticut.*

*Sir,*

This is to inform your Excellency that a force from the Enemies' Squadron consisting of three ships of war attended by eight or ten Barges are now off this place assuming a very threatening & menacing appearance; and in several instances have actually landed & plundered the property of the inhabitants using very threatening and abusive language — An alarm was immediately given & the militia assembled, Under these alarming circumstances I lost no time in detaching from the 27th Regt a Guard consisting of Sixty four privates together with the necessary proportion of Officers whom I have station'd at those points on the seaboard of this Regt which I consider'd most liable to an attack — This guard Sir, I have order'd out for eight days unless sooner discharg'd — Should my proceedings meet the approbation of your Excellency I trust that a guard will be sent here by authority of the State, in season to relieve the one now on service

A Dispatch was instantly sent to Brig. Gen. Howe at N Haven stating our proceedings at this place but was surpriz'd to learn by Judge Griffing that your Excellency had not been made acquainted with these transactions In the mean time Sir I shall be happy to execute such orders as I shall receive either from your Excellency or other of my superior officers relative to our very critictal Situation

I am Sir your Excellencie's most Obedient
and very Humble Servt
BENJAMIN BALDWIN
Lieut Col. Comt 27th Regt
Con. Mil.

GUILFORD Sept. 9th 1814

[Superscribed] To His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq
Captain General in & over the State of Connecticut Hartford

[Endorsed] Col. Baldwin Alarm at Guilford 9th Sept. 1814 —
recd 10th answd Do

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO LEVI LUSK

[6:66]

HARTFORD 9. Sept. 1814 —

*Sir*

I regret that the departure of M. Genl Taylor for N. London has been so long delayed, but you will doubtless be gratified that he at length appears to relieve you from the embarrassment which has for some time attended your situation, I shall rely Sir on your firm support of his authority and on the aid you will be disposed to afford in the discharge of the duties assigned him —

General Taylor will particularly attend to the Subject of furloughs mentioned in your last —Too much facility in granting indulgences of this kind is an evil which is to be carefully avoided, on the other hand the rigor which has been practised in this respect towards some of our fellow citizens who were forced suddenly from their homes under circumstances of extreme hardship cannot be too severely censured.
Reason is to be exercised on such occasions and I trust that in future her dictates will be regarded —

I am sir with great respect
Your obt & hm Srt

B Genl LUSK —
[Endorsed] To Genl Lusk

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO THOMAS H. CUSHING

[6:67]

HARTFORD 9. Sept^r 1814

*Sir*

Conformably to the original arrangement Major General Taylor now goes to take command of the militia on duty at New London & in its vicinity. He will retain, or reduce their present number according to existing circumstances. Upon this & other subjects connected with the safety of those posts, he is instructed and will be disposed to confer with you freely, & to promote by all the means in his power that concert of operations on which the success of the service must essentially depend —

I am respectfully sir
your obedient & h^bl ser^t
JOHN COTTON SMITH

B. Gen^l CUSHING
[Endorsed] To B. Gen^l Cushing 9. Sept. 1814 — N° 27.

[6:68 duplicate of 6:67]

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JUDGE PERKINS

[6:69]

HARTFORD 9. Sept. 1814

*Dear Sir* —

I was much disappointed at not meeting you in Colchester the present week — The interview would have been peculiarly agreeable on many accounts public as well as private — Major General Taylor is the bearer of this letter & I take the liberty of recommending him to your particular notice — He goes to take command of the militia pursuant to the order originally issued and I hope will not be found unworthy of the trust reposed in him — The circumstances under which he was detailed, I perceive are not fully known at N. London; and it was for this reason amongst other that I felt so strong a desire to confer with you — — On this subject there was an undivided opinion in

the council — when the facts are fully disclosed I trust there will be as little discordance in the sentiments of our friends at large — I can only add that I am D^r Sir with sincere regards to Mrs. P. & family your ob^t & hm ser^t
[Endorsed] To Judge Perkins — 9. Sept. 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH HOWE

[6:70]

HARTFORD 10. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

Col. Staples delivered me, yesterday evening, your letter of the 7^th instant —
I doubt not Sir you have proceeded properly under the circumstances, but I concur with you in hoping that for the future calls of this kind will be less necessary —

Before the receipt of your letter directions had been forwarded to Col. Sanford to post a guard at Guilford and to dismiss such militia as might have been ordered into service at that place —

I am Sir your obedient
and humble servant
JOHN COTTON SMITH

Brig. Gen^l HOWE —
[Endorsed] To B. Gen^l Howe 10. Sept. 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ASA COPELAND

[6:71]

HARTFORD 10. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

Your letter of the 7^th instant is received and shall be laid before the council at their next meeting. Until then no decision, according to the course hitherto pursued, can be made upon your application —
I lament Sir the uneasiness you express, and I also regret that you do not explicitly state the grounds of it — The causes are unknown to me excepting the mistake of the Secretary to which you allude & with which I was not acquainted until it was

incidentally mentioned by Gen[l] Terry after my arrival in this city —

If any effort of mine can remove the discontent you appear to experience, rest assured of my disposition to do ample justice to an officer of your distinguished merit —

I am Sir with sincere regard your
ob[t] & hm. ser[t]

Major Copeland —
[Endorsed] To Major Copeland

## AUGUSTINE TAYLOR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:72]

N London Septr 11th 1814

*Dear Sir*

I reached this place at 8 oClock P.M. on sunday morning I assumed the command & issued orders at head Qarters — directing Gen. Lusk to report himself to me &c which he did with some degree of reluctance through fear no doubt of his imperious master —

In the mean time I dispatched Maj'r Masters with your letter to Gen Cushing with a polite invitation to favor me with an interview whenever it might suit his convenience — He replied with great agitation that he did not re[c]ognize me as Majr Gen. neither should call on me. he then observed to Maj'r Masters that Gen Lusk and the officers knew better than to take orders from me & that he should arrest them if they presumed to do it — he further observed that he should instantly withdraw all support from the troops — After this he sent for Gen Lusk to his Quarters and made use of entreaties and threats to induce him to disobey my orders — & finally told in so many words — that there was but one of two things for him to do — either to place himself under *his authority* or to be considered as exciting a mutiny and be treated accordingly and also demanded of him to give in writing his reasons for disobeying his orders. This insulting demand Gen Lusk treated with the contempt it merited

The officers & men are indignant at Cushings conduct especially in this instance. I have not had time to confer with but few of the inhabitants respecting this business: but have reason to believe that many of them are growing ashamed of their conduct — —

With respect to the 3d Regt. I have been Requested by the Pay Master Maj'r Goddard to ask you whether it can be paid off before they are discharged: the United States have no money I find the company under Capt Bray are to be relieved the 15th Shall Capt Johnsons company be sent to relieve them? — I shall write you further tomorrow —the many calls from the citizens as well as officers occupies so much of my time that I can scarcely get time to write or think —

To meet this extraordinary exigence I have been favored by providence with extraordinary health and spirits I cannot omit observing that the extraordinary conduct of Gen Cushing in this affair has been ungentlemanly & dispicable in the eyes of almost every one

With sentiments of esteem
& regard — very sincerely
Yours
AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esqr Hartford Conn N. London C Sep — 12 10

[Endorsed] Major Genl Taylor 12. Sept. 1814 Recd & answd Do

## GENERAL ORDERS

[6:73]

General Orders

Head Quarters N. LONDON
11th Septr 1814 — — —

*To Brigadier General L Lusk*

*Sir* Having arrived in N. London and in pursuance of instructions from his Excellency the Governor of this State, assumed the command of the detached militia in service; you will report yourself accordingly

You will discontinue calling at the office of the commanding officer of the District, for district orders — and obey no orders excepting such as shall be issued under authority of this state

You will report yourself this day at 12 OClock to Major Gen Taylor: And also make regular report to the commanding officer of this State of the forces under your command

AUGUSTINE TAYLOR
Majr Gen Commanding

[Endorsed] Major Gen[l] Taylor's orders — Enclosed in N° 29 —

## DISTRICT ORDERS

[6:74]

Coppy
District Orders

Military District No. 2
Head Quarters NEW LONDON
12[th] Sep[t] 1814

The Brigade of drafted Militia from the State of Connecticut having been withdrawn from the service of the United States by his Excellency Governor Smith, and Brigadier General Lusk, the commanding officer of the said Brigade, having refused to receive [an]d obey the orders, of the Brigadier [Ge]neral Commanding this Military District, no further supplies of any description are to be delivered to him, or his Brigade, for and on account of the United States, without an express written order from the Brigadier General Commanding or from his superior officer actually in the service of the United States

By Order of the Com'[g] Gen[l]
P P SCHUYLER
Adj[t] Gen[l]

I send you the within being a Coppy of Gen[l] Cushings Communication to Gen[l] Lusk

I am Sir Respectfully
Your Ob[t] Serv[t]
AUGUST[N] TAYLOR

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Govenor of the State Connecticut Hartford N. London C Sep — — 12 10

[Endorsed] B. Genl. Cushing District order stopping subsistence of the troops 12. Sept. 1814 —

## AUGUSTINE TAYLOR TO JAMES WARD

[6:75]

Head Quarters N. LONDON
12th Septr 1814

Copy

*Sir* The United States officer at this place has this day refused to furnish the detachment under my command with rations for tomorrow. I shall therefore issue my orders in the usual form for rations and other necessaries belonging to your department

By order of Majr Gen. A Taylor
S MASTERS Aid De Camp

To JAMES WARD Esquire Commissary General of State of Connecticut

[Endorsed] Genl Taylor's order to Comy Genl 12. Sept. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY

[6:76]

HARTFORD 12. Sept. 1814

*Dr Sir* —

I wrote you on the 8th instant in answer to yours of that date — Should a company of volunteer artillerists associate in Middletown under the act I will immediately order them supplied for the present with brass *three* pounders taken from the militia companies in the county — They are already reduced to a single gun to a company, but under existing circumstances I shall not hesitate to order the pieces to any point where they will be most useful — Ordnance of that caliber tho' lightly esteemed in Modern warfare may be highly serviceable in case the enemy should attempt to ascend the river in barges —

I am Dr Sir with real regard
your obt & hm. ser.

Col. WHITTELSEY —
[Endorsed] To Col. Whittelsey 12. Sept. 1814 — artillery —

## COPY OF DISTRICT ORDERS

[6:77]

(Copy A)
Military District No 2
Head Quarters NEW LONDON
12th Septr 1814

*Sir*

The usual report of the Brigade of Drafted militia under your Command in the service of the United States, was not delivered to the Adjutant General of the District yesterday, and report says that you have received and are acting under the orders of a Militia officer not in the service of the United States. It has therefore become necessary that you assign a reason in writing for withholding your reports, and contradict or admit the fact of your having received, and actually executing the orders of an officer not in the service of the United States

I am sir very Respectfully
your obedient Servant
T. H. CUSHING
B. G. Com:g

Brigadier General
LEVI LUSK
Commanding a Brigade
of Militia in the service
of the United States
NEW LONDON

Copy B.
NEW LONDON 12th Septr 1814

*Brigr Gen Cushing*
*sir* —

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note this morning — —

The following is an extract of the Order of his Excellency the Capt Genl dated the 28th July 1814. "The Troops thus detached are to be completely armed & equiped according to law; And untill otherwise directed, will be held in readiness to march at a moments warning for the purpose of repelling invasions of the Enemy under such orders as they shall receive from the Commander in Chief"— — — The following is an extract of a letter of Instruction to me from Govenor Smith dated Sharon 11th Augt 1814— — — —"You will inform Genl Cushing by letter of your state of readiness & take his directions as to the route & place or places of destination & conform to his instructions untill the Arrival of Major Genl Taylor, who will take the Command as soon as his health & the necessary arrangements will permit" — — — In addition to the above Major Genl Taylor issued his order to me under date of 11th Sept 1814 directing me to "discontinue calling at the Office of the Commanding General of the District for District Order, & to obey no orders, excepting such as shall be issued under the Authority of this State — — He has also required of me regularly to make report to him of the forces under my Command — — — —

From a perusal of the foregoing extracts, you will readily infer the only answer to your interrogatories which I have the power to make — — — —

I am sir verry respectfully
Yours &c Levi Lusk — — — — —

Copy C

Mily District No 2
Head Qrs New London
12th Septr 1814 — —

District Orders — — —

The Brigade of drafted Militia from the State of Connecticut having been withdrawn from the Service of the United States by his Excellency Govenor Smith; And Brigadier Genl Lusk, the Commanding Officer of the said Brigade, having refused to receive & obey the orders of the Brigadier Genl, commanding this District, no further supplies of any description are to be delivered to him or his Brigade, for & on Account of the U. States,

without an express written order from the Brigadier Genl commanding or from his superior Officer Actually in the service of the United States — — —

By order of the Comm$^{y}$ Genl
P P SCHUYLER Adjt Genl — — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency Gov$^{r}$ SMITH — — —
[Endorsed] Gen$^{l}$ Lusk's letter to Gen$^{l}$ Cushing & his district order — 12 Sept 1814 — Copies N$^{o}$ 29.

## ELIHU SANFORD TO AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[6:78]

NEW HAVEN Sep$^{t}$ 12. 1814

*Maj$^{r}$ Gen$^{l}$ Taylor*
*Sir*

Anterior to your arrival in Hartford I received an order from His Excellency directing me to send a Detachment to Guilford from this Post if consistent. The whole number of Troops present including Officers amounts to 420 and as the Matross Companies can do no other duty than that of attending to their Ordnance in Camps, I have thought proper to Detach (being thereunto Authorized) from Cap$^{t}$ Chittendens Company, 1 Lieu$^{t}$, 2 Sergeants, 2 Corp$^{ls}$ & 40 Privates (learning since however that there is but 30 Privates in S$^{d}$ Company) therefore I pray the Major Gen$^{l}$ to request the Cap$^{t}$ Gen$^{l}$ to direct me to Detach Cap$^{t}$ Chittenden with his Musick together with one Subaltern 2 Sergts 2 Corporals & such number of Privates as he may direct from the Company of State Corps in Southington 1$^{st}$ Reg$^{t}$ Commanded (I believe by Cap$^{t}$ Woodruff) the whole to be under Command of Cap$^{t}$ Chittenden, & That Cap$^{t}$ Thompson who commands the Militia at this Post consisting of about 50 Privates (without Uniform) making a most disagreeable Appearance with the State Troops who are in complete Uniform might be ordered to Guilford & some other intermediate Point, that Major Hotchkiss or some other Major might be detached to Assist me in this trying moment, having no Assistance from Major Sherman as respects the Infantry — — I am Obliged to be Col$^{n}$ Major, Cap$^{t}$ &c &c having so many constant

Avocations (partly in consequence of the Detachment's being made up from different Corps) it is impossible for me alone to pay that Attention to the Organization, Discipline & Police of the Troops which the good of the Service requires. Much difficulty has already existed on the part of the United States Contractor relative to subsistence especially Bread. I have been obliged to take the regular course, appoint a Committee who condemned the Bread for two Days, I apprehend this difficulty will subside. A very unpleasant circumstance has Occurred relative to Rank or Command between Cap$^{t}$ Bishop of the New-Haven Artillery & Lieu$^{t}$ Tomlinson of the Derby Artillery of State Corps, neither will submit to be commanded by the other — And Although the rule is plain yet the Obstinacy of the Gentlemen is so great, that either will sooner be suspended, Arrested, & suffer a Trial by Court Martial, rather than tamely submit to be Commanded as Aforesaid: I have directed them for the moment to act Separately, untill Your pleasure or that of His Excellency be known. I have the Honor to be

Respectfully Your Obd$^{t}$ & Humble
Serv$^{t}$
ELIHU SANFORD

By Order
H SANFORD Adj$^{t}$

To Maj$^{r}$ Gen$^{l}$ TAYLOR

[Superscribed] Major Gen$^{l}$ AUGUSTIN TAYLOR or in his Absenc to the Cap$^{t}$ General Hartford 8

[Endorsed] Col. E. Sanford 12. Sept. 1814 rec$^{d}$ & answ$^{d}$ 13$^{th}$

## TIMOTHY SHEPARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:79]

NEWTOWN Sep$^{tr}$ 12$^{th}$ AD 1814

*Sir*

One hundred stands of arms One hundred cartridge boxes and belts to-gether with 300 flints have been received by me, agreeable to your order, and I have given my receipt for the Same to the Quarter master General —

Your letter on that subject of the 27th of August last came to hand in due season and was attended to — — —
Your order of the 30th of August last has been duly received and executed — In consequence of your instructions, concerning the arms deposited with me, I have delivered to Capt Curtis of the 2nd Company 1st Regt State Troops 50 Stands of arms, 50 Cartridge boxes and belts for *actual service* at New Haven and have taken his receipt for the Same

I am Sir with respect Your
Excellencies humble Servant
Timo Shepard Col
1st Regt State Troops,

Govr Smith
[Superscribed] His Excellency John C. Smith Sharon Connt
New Town 12th Septr 10
[Endorsed] Col. Timo Shephard 12. Sept. 1814 Acknowledging the rect of arms — —

## HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:80]

New London Sept 12th 1814

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith*

*Sir,* I am informed by General Taylor that the 3rd Regt of Detached militia will probably be discharged in three or four days & that I had best make arrangements for the payment of the Wages which may be due them, The sum will be about Six Thousand Dollars, & for the detachment now at Saybrook to be discharged on the 15th will be about two thousand Dollars more, I shall send to Hartford for the Hartford Bank bills to comply with your Excellencys directions to pay the bills to the individual claimants

I am with perfect respect
your Excellencys obedient &
Humble Sert
Hez. Goddard
Pay master Genrl —

[on bottom of this letter]

12. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

In reply to your letter of this date I have only time to observe that funds are provided for the payment of such part of the militia now on duty at N. London & vicinity as may be discharged by Major Gen[l] Taylor —

Major GODDARD I am sir &c

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford
N. London, C Sep — — 12 10

[Endorsed] Major Goddard P. M. Gen[l] 12. Sept. 1814 — rec[d] & answ[d] D°

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JAMES WARD

[6:81]

HARTFORD 12. Sept. 1814
Monday evening

*Dear Sir*

I thank you for your obliging letter of this date —

The indecorous behaviour of General Cushing does little honour to himself or to his employers. Of his arrogant pretensions he had before given me sufficient proof, but I did suppose until now that he would not lose sight of what is due to the ordinary courtesies of life. The militia of Connecticut I trust will not be frightened out of their just rights by the threats of a military usurper. They will do their duty unmoved by his insolence, and unshaken in their affection for their own government.

The course adopted by Major General Taylor is altogether correct on his prudence and decision I place great reliance. The sturdy firmness of General Lusk has also afforded me much satisfaction. He had not written me as you seem to suggest in your letter — I shall hope to receive from him a particular statement of his interview with Gen[l] Cushing on sunday last; trusting at the same time that he will enter into no correspondence with that officer, who pays an ill compliment to gen[l] Lusk in supposing he could be terrified into submission —

I shall remain here until I hear further from New London —

That every thing appertaining to your department will be done promptly & efficaciously I am fully persuaded —
[Endorsed] To Col. Ward 12. Sept. 1814

## AUGUSTINE TAYLOR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:82]

*Dear Sir*

Gen[l] Cushing has sent an order for Gen[l] Lusk this morning, to instantly assign a reason for his disobedience. I advised Gen[l] Lusk to take no notice of such an impudent demand — he followed my advice. Soon after this Gen[l] Cushing sent his Aid De Camp with a peremtory order to Gen[l] Lusk, immediately to give his reasons for withholding his daily report and contradict or assent to the fact of having recv[d] and executing the Orders of an Officer not in the service of the United States. Threats were given out and circulated from the Head Quarters of Gen[l] Cushing that *force* would be resorted too — — Shortly after this, being in my room I heard Marshal musick and had the cureosity to look out and saw a body of regular troops marching towards my quarters, Commanded as I learnt by Co[l] Atkinson — at this instant Major Goddark [sic] entered my room apparently in great agitation and told me "to instantly prepare for the worst," I laughingly told him it was ridiculous to be alarmed. "He replied I tell you to take care of your self. I know." and precipitally left the room. I gave orders immediatly for the Troops to be paraded for inspection, without assigning any other reason, being determined at any event to be prepared for the worst. This maneuvor of Gen[l] Cushing was no doubt done with a view to intimidate there is no doubt but what Major Goddard heard threats (he being in the confidence of Gen[l] Cushing) that induced him to believe that force would be employed, as Gen[l] Cushing had the audacity to declare that he considered Gen[l] Lusk as the Ring-leader of a mutiny, and that he would be dealt with accordingly. The inhabitants of New London notwithstanding their former partiality for Cushing, begin to reflect on their situation and grow alarmed for fear they may be left solely, to the protection of their darling friend Gen[l] Cushing, I have

not as yet taken particular pains to undeceive them — they are ashamed to own their predilection for this man. But Sir it is evident with respect to the affair of the regular troops, marching by our quarters this morning. The inhabitants viewed it with evident astonishment — As they acknowledge that this is the first time that a thing of this kind has hapened, But give me leave to tell you, from the spirit manifested among the officers (a number of which hapened at my quarters at the instant) had they attempted any thing, not a man of them would have been alive in fifteen minutes As it is not advisable that things of this kind should go abroad, I took particular pains to keep it entirely to ourselves

I am with Sentiments of
perticular Esteem Your
Friend & Humble Serv$^{t}$
AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

NB Pardon
Mistakes —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Governor of the State of Connecticut Hartford

[Endorsed] Gen$^{l}$ Taylor without date suppose 12$^{th}$ Sept. 1814 rec$^{d}$ 13$^{th}$ — —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELIHU SANFORD

[6:83]

HARTFORD 13. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

Your letter of the 12$^{th}$ is received. The early departure of the mail enables me only to reply — that you are at liberty to send Capt. Thompson's company of militia to Guilford & the intermediate points — Let the detachment from Capt. Chittenden's company already ordered altho falling short in number repair to N. Haven — I will confer with Gen$^{l}$ Terry this day & make further arrangements as well in relation to an additional draft from the state troops as to the detail of a Major — I am truly sorry that the unpleasant dispute relative to rank which you mention

should at this crisis molest the service — Favour me with your ideas on the subject —

I am Sir your very obedient
Ser$^{t}$ —

Col. Sanford.
[Endorsed] To Col. Sanford —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELIHU SANFORD

[6:84]

Hartford 13. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

Since my letter of this morning I have conferred with General Terry on the subjects therein mentioned —

I presume you will have sent the militia infantry to Guilford & ordered in the Subaltern and thirty privates from Capt. Chittenden's company. It will be very desireable that you should dispense with an additional number of troops if possible — We shall really require the remainder of the state corps to relieve the men now on duty at N. London — If you however deem an increase of your force absolutely necessary I shall comply with your request but with a little variation — Capt. Woodruff's company consists of 63 rank & file & one of his Subalterns is unfit for duty — Should the men be ordered to N. Haven the Captain & two Subalterns must also go, and with the subaltern & thirty privates will constitute a reputable company — Get along without this arrangement if you can — if not let me know & the requisite order shall be given — An equal if not a greater difficulty exists with respect to an additional field officer from the state corps — A vacancy was left unfilled the last May Session and there have been lately two resignations — Under these circumstances we shall not be able to Supply your demand & leave a Sufficient number for the contemplated service at N. London — I am sorry Sir to lay so heavy a burthen upon you; and after all notwithstanding this objection and another of no slight moment the expense, if you still feel the task too insupportable I shall yield to your wishes —

As to the question of rank it is in no case to be admitted that

a captain can be commanded by a lieutenant. If the dispute has arisen from the circumstantial difference between the two corps, let it be at once distinctly known that the Service is not to be impeded by objections of that nature — The Commanding general of the state troops acquiesces in this sentiment in the fullest manner, and the laudable spirit of accommodation which has hitherto been manifested upon this subject will not permit me to doubt its continuance —

You will decide the question according to these ideas — and I presume your decision will be respected without farther altercation, and without the interference of higher authority

I am Sir with much regard
Your Ob$^{t}$ & hm. ser$^{t}$

Col. Sanford —
[Endorsed] To Col. Sanford 13. Sept. 1814 —

## ORCHARD GOULD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:85]

Branford 13. Sep$^{tr}$ 1814

*Dear Sir*

In behalf of myself, the rest of the civil authority, selectmen and other respectable gentlemen of this town and at their request I write to your Excellency to acquaint you that there is a great deficiency of arms in this town. Many of the privates of our artillery company and other persons Exempt from military duty and capable of performing it are at this time destitute of this indispensible article. General Fowler who is the bearer of this will in our behalf confer with your Excellency on this subject.

With sentiments of sincere friendship and
Esteem I am your excellency's
obt ser$^{t}$
Orchard Gould

Gov$^{r}$ Smith
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor Smith Sharon New Haven 10
[Endorsed] Orch$^{d}$ Gould Esq$^{r}$ 13. Sept. 1814 de arms — answ$^{d}$ 23$^{rd}$

## WESTBROOK PETITION FOR A GUARD

[6:86]

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith.*

We the Inhabitants of Westbrook in the Town of Saybrook Beg leave one more to address Your Excellency, on the subject of some defence against the hostile appearance of the British squadron off this place — We would not trouble your Excellency so soon again, were it not that (in our apprehention) there is an increasing danger to the people of this place — the British squadron in the sound have increased thier numbers, and seem determined to stop the coasting trade from Connecticut River to Newyork, consequently take thier stations so near us, that in less than one hour they might come from their ships and land in the center of the Society where there is more than fifty Dwelling Houses within one mile, and in fair [vi]ew of thier ships— And there is no guard nearer than Saybrook fort, about six miles east —Or at Killingworth waterside, five miles west— We would inform your Excellency that we are not only exposed to the enemy's barges, but from smacks and eastern built boats, of which the sound is very full— And we cannot discern at a little distance friends, or foes, from thier appearance— Some of our fishermen on the point of reafs when fishing, say they could see into some of those boats which came close alongside of them, and see numbers of armed men lying down in thier boats, and a carriage gun covered with canvis, and a british uniform under an old watch coat &c— — Some of our people remove thier stock from the sea shore at night, from fear of thier being carried off in the night without any alarm— We would further inform your Excellency that the Inhabitants of this Society feel themselves extreamly unsafe and uneasy, and are ready to say, we have not that protection which our exposed situation doth require— We the undersigned petitioners therefore pray your Excellency again to take our unhappy case into your wise consideration, and grant us a guard; either from the detached militia, Or in some other way (as to your Excellency shall seem meet) to grant relief— And as in duty bound your petitioners shall pray—

Dated WESTBROOK, September 13th 1814.
His Excellency Governor SMITH.

JONATHAN LAY
JAMES D. REDFIELD
WILLIAM STANNARD
EPHRAIM KELSEY2d
NATHAN KIRTLAND
AUSTIN WILLCOX
ANSEL HILL
LAY STANNARD
BENNY JANES
EPHRAIM KELSEY
TIMOTHY SPENCER
AARON BUSHNELL
RICHARD STOKES
BENNAJAH BUSHNELL
RUSSEL KELSEY
AMOS I WILCOX
JOSEPH SPENCER
ALANSON REDFIELD
HENRY WILCOX

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH Sharon Connecticut

[Endorsed] Westbrook Petition for a Guard Sept. 1814 answd 22nd

## JOHN BRAINERD TO BENJAMIN HURD

[6:87]

HADDAM Septr 14th AD 1814

*Cap't Benjamin Hurd*

*Sir* you are hereby Commanded to Discharge the Company under your Command from Actual Service imediately — — — — —

JOHN BRAINERD 2d Lieut
Co'l Comdt 7th Regt
Conn Militia

The Order that I gave you Respecting Mustering the Company — was after the Express left my House thought by me to be incorrect. I wrote to Gen'l Howe Respecting Mustering the men and he says that I was Correct. — You have the order which you Re'd from the adjutant 2 or three month back giving Directions how the Companies are to be Muster'd when calld into Service

## AUGUSTINE TAYLOR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:88]

Head Qarters N. London
14th Septr 1814

*Dear sir*

I received your letter of the 12th Inst. It is highly gratifying to me to learn that my conduct meets with your approbation. Gen. Cushing has persevered to the last; with a firm belief that Gen Lusk would not dare to disobey his orders. Gen. Cushing's knowledge of the compliant temper of Gen. Lusk had led him to this belief. — — It seems he regreted his inability to retain the forces; as he observed to Gen. Lusk & had done to Majr Masters before that he supposed he had not a force sufficient to stop them. — intimating that he would use force if he dared

As to the detaching of Capt Johnson the truth is he has but a single piece of course can be spared better than the infantry — I have however detached a lieutenant & 25 infantry from the 1st Regt to make up the Compliment of 100

I have concluded to dismiss from service that part of the 3d Regt that was taken from Gen. Ishams Brigade; having been longer in service than the others, & also because they can readily be called into service in case of emergency —

Perhaps it may be advisable in a few days to dismiss the remainder of the 3d Regt: in that event Gen Lusks services may be dispencd with — Col. Brainard (now absent) will be here; & I think more competent to command this place than some officers of higher grade. His firmness and resolution render him better qualified than any other man — — — —

The situation of the troops at Bridgport & New Haven calls

me to hasten to those places & make such disposition of the guards at Stratford and Black rock, as may be necessary — — And as every thing here is now settled and perfectly quiet, I think my duty imperiously calls me thither — You will please therefore to direct your future communications to N. Haven

I am sir very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

His Excellency JOHN C SMITH
Gov of the State of Connecticut

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Governor of the State of Connecticut Hartford

[Endorsed] Major Genl Taylor 14. Sept. 1814 recd 15th answd Do

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JAMES MONROE

[6:89]

State of Connecticut
HARTFORD 14. Sept. 1814 —

*Sir*

I am informed the agent of the United States at New London has refused any further Subsistence to the militia now on duty in that vicinity, upon the unfounded pretext that they are withdrawn from service by my authority —

Unwilling to hazard the safety of those posts and the national property in the river by disbanding the troops, I have directed the Commissary General of the State to provide for them until the pleasure of the President shall be known — — —

You will perceive the importance, Sir, of apprizing me without delay whether the agent is to be countenanced in the course he has thought proper to adopt; and also how far I am to rely on the General government for assistance in the necessary defence of the state. — The near approach of the Session of the General Assembly renders it desirable that I should be favoured with an early and explicit communication upon this highly interesting Subject —

I have the honour to be with
great respect Sir
your obedient and very
humble servant
JOHN COTTON SMITH

P. S. To my letter of the 3rd instant no answer is yet received —

The Honourable
The Secretary of war

[Endorsed] To Secretary of war 14. Sept. 1814 — N° 30.

## EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:90]

NORWICH 14th Septr 1814

*dear sir*

By Col Mix your favour of the 12th (with a General order of the first of this month, and the association of the North Society of Middletown inclosed) was duly received — — — — I presume your excellency was gratified in the detailed information from Gen1 Taylor of that date — — — — I met Gen1 Taylor in conformity to your excellencys wishes on sunday, & found the result as I anticipated — — — — Yesterday I went again to New London, not having heard any thing respecting the troops being dismissed as agreed on by Gen1 Taylor on sunday — — — but on conferring with Gen1 T. felt satisfied with the reasons for the delay, which he told me he should communicate this morning to you by mail — — — — — — I was able to satisfy some of the inhabitants of N L with whom I conversed that the present arrangement was correct; their fears had been excited, but I apprehend no difficulty from the reasonable & discerning — — — —

The Cashier of the Norwich Bank has this day recd from the treasurer an invitation to partake in a loan to this state authorised by the Legislature in May, I sincerely regret that the general distrust & late pressure on our bank, obliges us to refuse a participation — — — — I feel confident that the shock occasioned by the refusal of the York Banks to pay specie, will eventually

oblige us to take the same steps — — — The funds we had provided in N York are without our reach, & the effort we had made to procure funds in Boston has proved unsuccessful — —

The contemplated event is very distress[ing] to us, but from present appearances not a dollar of our paper will be permitted to sleep in peace, & we are unprepared to pay specie for *all* in circulation — — — we hope for the honour of the state that the other institutions may bear the shock, but our apprehensions are not confined to ourselves — — — —

I am dear sir very respectfully
your humble servant
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Exc$^{y}$ Gov SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Hartford Chelsea Land$^{g}$ Sept 15 8

[Endorsed] Adj$^{t}$ Gen$^{l}$ Huntington 14. Sept. 1814 — Na$^{l}$ Bank — N. London. &$^{c}$

## PETITION FROM FAIRFIELD

[6:91]

*To his Excellency Gov$^{r}$ Smith*

*Sir*

The subscribers would inform your Excellency that at a meeting of a large number of respectable citizens of this vicinity on the 26$^{th}$ day of August last they were desired by a unanimous vote to carry into effect the resolutions by them adopted — To answer one branch of their appointment, after furnishing at their own indvidual expence, the ground affording a site commanding a portion of a valuable tract of country on the shore, & in some points of view, of great importance to the State, the committee have the satisfaction of informing your Excellency that, from a principle of patriotism or other cause there has been a remarkable exertion on the part of the inhabitants in erecting a fort on Grovers Hill the place alluded to at an expence of more than five hundred days of voluntary labour, beside the many

contingent pecuniary expences attending it — To render this work serviceable for the publick, the committee find it necessary to ask the patronage and direction of your Excellency if consistent with executive duty to afford it — — Altho' there exists a difference of opinion how far would be prudent or even necessary to extend the means of defence yet *All* agree upon the necessity of guarding the coast in such manner as to give alarm in the night season, a time the most favourable for marauding parties of the enemy — — — the committee are aware that to gratify the private wishes of individuals or the probable applications from various quarters of the State on the subject of defence would be such a demand on the personal prudence of the executive that they reluctantly apply to your Excellency on the present occasion, however calculating (as probably all others do) that their case is peculiar & exempt from ordinary claims — — To relieve the fears of the inhabitants or secure their safety which is within the scope of reasonable preperations, a *picket guard* only, in the opinion of the Committee is sufficient: for the accommodation of which the place before mentioned would be the most elegible — provid^d a few & not very expensive accommodations could be furnished — — — for any inquiries relating particularly to the subject of this application we would refer you to Sam^l Rowland Esq^r the bearer

Fairfield Sep^r 14. 1814

We are sir very respectfully your
Obed^t serv^ts — — — — —

Walter Thorp
Nath^L L Sturges
S. Moulton
James Knapp
Ab^R Benson
Gershom Sturges
Abr^M G—Jennings
} Committee

[Endorsed] Fairfield petition for guard — rec^d at Oct. Session 1814

## CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:92]

MIDDLETOWN Sep$^{t}$ 14$^{th}$ — 1814

*Sir*

your Excellencys Letters of the 8$^{th}$ & 12$^{th}$ are before me. It was highly gratifying to myself & to those of our Citizens who feel an interest in the establishment of an Artillery Corps, to find that the proposal met with the approbation of your Excellency.

The Company will be immediately organized as far it can be without legislative aid. It was expected that the Company organized in the North Society would have been united with that in the City— I still expect & believe it will be done— but if an independent Company is to be established there I suggest the propriety of suspending all proceedings relative to *the Officers* for the present — the reasons I cannot at this moment give, but they are such as I know will have weight with your Excellency

In the Letter of the 12$^{th}$ y$^{r}$ Excellency remarks that if a Company of Volunteer Artillerists will associate &c under *the Act,* they shall be supplied with brass threes &c. I remark, that in strictness of Law neither the Company associated in the City nor that in the north Society can be brought within the Acts of the Assembly referered to. One third of the whole are strictly exempts, the residue all mostly those who are exempt in time of Peace but liable to militia duty in time of War— that is — they are either Masters or Mates of Vessels or Sailors. I presume therefore, that some legislative provision is necessary, before the Company can be completely organized. The Company is already so far organized that they will proceed to the Choice of Officers, as soon as it is know what will be done with the application from the North Society

If the two associations should be united, there would probably be Two Commissioned Officers in the North Society. The inhabitants of the City would be gratified at having the 3 pounders

here, & the association will proceed to the choice of Two commisse'd officers. If you[r] Excellency should think proper to order them here & to place them under my care untill the Company shall be organized, I will be responsible that they shall be properly housed & cased — In case of an alarm, Cap$^{t}$ Hubbards Comp$^{y}$ of State Corps Cavalry might use them— they can be taught to manoever Two pieces in half an hour— —

Wrought Iron Guns have long been a desederatum I believe, wrought Sixes can be contracted for at a moderat price. An Intelligent Mechanic of this place will contract to make some & to warrant them against any proof. He will engage to make a pair as an Experiment, at fifty Cents a pound the weight not to exceed 5$^{Cwt}$ 2,, 0— provided he can have an advance of 200 Dolls — to be repaid if he does not succeed— & provided he can have a contract to make four or five pair, at a fair price if he does succeed. I believe Iron Sixes weighing from 4¾$^{Cwt.}$ to 5½$^{Cwt.}$ — can be made at from thirty to forty Dolls the hundred. The experiment of wrought Guns has been made & failed in Europe— The Experiment failed from Two Causes— 1 they attempted only large Guns — i.e. — 12 prs & upwards— 2 they attempted weld Bars laterally, which could not be done

Wrought 3 & 4 prs have been made with success in the United States—

If your Excellency should deem this subject [wor]thy of attention, I will undertake to [over]see & direct the making of the first pair.

If the Experiment should succeed— Sixes mounted & fitted could be afforded at $1000 to $1100 the pair

I am with great respect
yr Excellencys very Ob$^{t}$ & Hm$^{ble}$ Servant
Ch : Whittelsey

His Excellency
John Cotton Smith Esq$^{r}$

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq$^{r}$
Sharon Forwarded 10 48

[Endorsed] Col. C. Whittelsey

## LEVI LUSK TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:93]

New London 14th Septr 1814

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr*

*Sir* — — — — Since the date of my last communication to your Excellency, the 3rd Regt of drafted Militia have been removed from their Encampment on Groton Bank and encamped on Groton great Neck — Two companies have been quartered in a house near the mouth of the Harbour, & employed in completing a Battery at that place, under the superintendance of Maj Lee of the United States Army — — — Guards from the 3 Regt have been posted from the mouth of the Harbour to Pequonock Bridge — — Guards from the 1st Regt have been posted, with a view to guard the coast from the light house to Jordan plain — — —

On the 11th Inst I recd an order from Maj'r Genl Taylor directing me to discontinue calling at the office of the commanding officer of the District for district orders, & to obey no orders excepting such as should be issued under the Authority of this State. By the same order I was directed to make report regularly of the force's under my command to the Commg Genl. in the service of this State — — — —

After receiving this order I apprised Genl Cushing the same day by message of the cause of my discontinuing to report to him, & he immediately requested a personal interview with me — — — — I called upon him accordingly & the following is a brief sketch of the conversation which then passed between us — — —

Genl. Cushing began with stating his view of the situation of the Militia under my command — He said that Govenor Smith had placed this part of the Militia, completely out of his power, that he could not exercise any Authority over them, any more than he could over the troops in the posts, or over Govr Tompkins's Militia, and that he never could till they were legally discharged by the United States in whose service they then were — — — I replied that I considered myself at all times under

the immediate command of the Capt Genl of Connecticut, tho with respect to the stationing of the troops I had considered myself in some measure under his, Gen. Cushings, command untill the arrival of Major Gen. Taylor, provided his, Gen Cushings's orders were not contrary to the particular directions, which I had received from the Commander in Chief — — — Gen Cushing then stated the manner in which he made his requisition, and said that he considered that Gov^r Smith had complied with his requisition without any reserve, if not he should not have received the men — — — He never had required a Major Genl. & never expected them to be under the command of a Major Genl. till one was required— — If he had required the whole detachment, then he should have expected a Major Genl. — — Untill that requisition was made he should not recognise a Maj. Gen. but consider me and the Brigade under his immediate Command — — —

I replied that I was confident that Gov^r Smith had never considered the situation of the Militia under my command to be such as he had represented — — I said that I had supposed that his corrispondence with Gov^r Smith had already informed him of his real views with regard to the situation of the Militia, if not I had always been ready to make known to him upon his request, such part of my orders from Gov^r Smith, as would have showed his (Gov^r Smiths) views of the subject — — —
He then stated to me the situation in which I should place myself, by disobeying his (Gen. Cushings) Orders — — In the first place, provided I remained here & disobeyed his orders, I should be considered as engaged in a Mutiny, & be treated accordingly — — In the second place if I should withdraw the troops or march them away it would be considered as desertion and treated accordingly — — — I replied that he might well suppose that I was too much attached to the government of this State, to revolt from it — — —

Then Gen Cushing replied that he did not know that he had a sufficient force to use coercive means — — this sentiment he had before uttered in the presence of Majors Masters & Plummer, — in the morning — —

He then made the following demand — You must inform me in writing whether you will obey my orders or not; & it must be in writing, a verbal answer will not be received — — I then informed him that I would take time to consider of it & left him — —

During the conversation above related, there was no other person present, but Gen Cushing & myself — — —

The next morning I received a letter from him, a copy of which marked A is enclosed — My reply (marked B) I have also enclosed — — In the afternoon of the same day he sent to me a district order, a copy of which (marked C) is inclosed — — —

Since the receipt of the above order I have had no communication with Gen Cushing

I am with the greatest Respect your
Excellencies Obedt Servt
LEVI LUSK — — — — — — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency Gov^r SMITH — —
[Endorsed] Brig. Gen^l Lusk 14. Sept. 1814 rec^d 15^th answ^d D^o
[Written in pencil] The enclosures mentioned are not to be found

## STARR H. MOREHOUSE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:94]

*To his Excellency John C Smith Esquire, Captain—*
*General, and Commander in chief of the Militia of Connecticut.*
*Sir,*

In the original organization of the Military Corps for the defence of this State, I had the honour to receive from your Excellency an Ensign's commission in the first company in the first regiment of Infantry in said Corps, of which company Seth Comstock was appointed captain, Elisha D Whittlesey first lieutenant, and James C. Cook second lieutenant. — — On the promotion of Capt. Comstock to the rank of Major, in October last, lieutenant Whittlesey was promoted to the command of the said company, lieutenant Cook received the appointment of first lieutenant, and myself that of second lieutenant. In the late

vacancies occasioned by the removal of Capt. Whittlesey and lieutenant Cook, Darius Starr, first lieutenant of the second company of the eighth regiment of cavalry was appointed by your Excellency to the command of the company first-mentioned, and myself promoted to the rank of first lieutenant in the same.

I have troubled your Excellency with the foregoing detail as preliminary to the remark, that the appointment of lieutenant Starr to the command of the said company is such a deviation from the usual and ordinary course of military promotions, as is irreconcileable, I humbly conceive, with that honorable reputation as a military officer which I, on whom that appointment would ordinarily have devolved, feel ambitious of sustaining while in military life, and which I am not conscious of having forfeited by my conduct as an officer, as a citizen, or as a man.

While I revere the cause, and honour the service, in which I have held a humble rank, I am constrained to request of your Excellency that I may be discharged from further service in said Military Corps, and in a station in which, under the circumstances, that service could be rendered only under feelings of degradation which must necessarily preclude that cheerfulness and cordiality of attachment which should attend it.

With sentiments of high respect,
I am, your Excellency's
obedient servant
STARR H. MOREHOUSE.

REDDING Sept^r 14th. 1814

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esquire, Sharon. Paid 10

[Endorsed] Lieut. Starr H. Morehouse Resignation— Military Corps — Rec^d 27. Sept. 1814 laid before the Council — not accepted by their advice —

## GEORGE W. JEWETT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:95]

SAY BROOK Sep 15^th AD 1814,

*His Excellency Gov. Smith*

*Sir,* The enclosed dispatch was intended to be forwarded by

Lieut Bull; who started for Sharon on Monday evening last, but at Haddam he heard that your Excellency was to be at New Haven at commencement. He therefore returned here, and Yesterday Morning went to New Haven and has just returned & reported that your Excellency was not there.
Not knowing where it is probable the messenger might be able to deliver it personally; I have judged it most proper to enclose it by Mail — I understand that Cap. Bray has written to your Excellency — — — and should it be thought proper I beg that an enquiry may be instituted, concerning the subject

In great Haste
I am Your Excellencys
Obedient Servant
GEO. W. JEWETT

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH Sharon Conn.
Mail Chester C^t Sep^t 16 10

[Endorsed] Capt. G. W. Jewett 15. Sept. 1814 rec^d 22^nd & answ^d D^o

## HEZEKIAH HOWE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:96]

NEW HAVEN 15 Septem^r 1814

*sir*

On saturday last I received a letter from Col^o Brainard of the 7^th Regiment, informing me that the commanding officer of the militia company in Killingworth had called out his company at the time of the alarm along the coast, on the 6^th inst — & that he (Col^o Brainard) had ordered him to hold his company in service until further orders — — as the person who was bearer of the communication to me had a similar one for your Excellency, which he informed me that he was to proceed immediately with I did not then think it necessary. — — I wrote however to Col^o Brainard, directing him to have the Company mustered & dismissed. — late last evening I received a letter from the Captain advising me that the Company was still in service & that Col^o Brainard has passed thro Killingworth & was still absent from home, from this 'tis probable that my letter had not

reached him. — I have now repeated my orders to the Captain, & hope that the Company will be speedily dismissed

Col° Sanford mentioned to me a few days since, that your Excellency had been informed by a messenger from Guilford that the calling out of the militia at that place was approved of by me, so far from was this being the case, that I wrote immediately to Major Parmele & stated to him that I had no authority to approve of the measure, that he must immediately notify your Excellency of the fact. — I feel conscious of committing so many errors in my military conduct, that I am unwilling to have more imputed than belong to me.

Respectfully I am sir
Your Most Obed servt
HEZEKIAH HOWE

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Hartford

[Endorsed] B. Genl Howe 15. Sept. 1814 call of militia at Killingworth disapproved see the answer —

## ELIHU SANFORD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:97]

NEW HAVEN Septt 15. 1814

*His Excellency the Captt Genl Sir*

Yours of 13th came duly to hand. The Order therein contained is executed — The Troops have been mustered. The small number of Troops at this rendezvous, the extent of Coast to be protected, the inexperience of many of the Officers, the enemy hovering round our Borders, the constant application of the good Citizens of this & the Adjacent Towns praying that Guards might be Stationed at this, that & the other Point, The want of experience in the Deputy Comy & Qr M. Genls Departments in the supply of Rations which has been that of a bad quality & in two instances has been condemned (both Bread & meat by an inspecting Committee) The Organization of the Troops together with the ordinary routine of Duty, & all this without the Assistance & Direction of Majr Genl Taylor, (he being as I

understand on particular business) is to me perplexing in every sense of the word, but nothing shall break me down, so long as the God of Nature holds me up. It is a source of mortification & painful to me to State to Your Excellency (altho' a duty incumbent) that a number of Men of Cap$^{t}$ Curtis' & Cap$^{t}$ Buckinghams Companies have Absented themselves from quarters (& gone home as I suppose) the pretext from their Officers (Although I have none in their behalf) is the want of Good Rations & hard Duty. I ought also to State that the aforesaid Cap$^{ts}$ (the Command of Your Excellency notwithstanding) have left a number of Men at home which were recently detached from their Companies to Bridgeport taking the responsibility on themselves. The Deserters or absentees I have sent for agreeable to rule. We have many Men present destitute of Cartridge Boxes and Although an early requisition was made there has none arrived, but I am informed they will be in this Day — — Cap$^{t}$ Buckingham of the first Reg$^{t}$ an active Vigilant & promising Officer is on the Sick List, his Lieu$^{t}$ (Bellamy) has not joined, the other Lieu$^{t}$ Sick. In Answer to the Cap$^{t}$ Gen$^{l}$ relative to Rank, nothing more was intended than the Rank of Companies, the difficulty for the present has subsided Although the Appeal still lies before Your Excellency — — There would be no question in my mind in Ordinary cases between enlisted Companies & those of the Militia, but that the former should take Rank, but the Charter of Cap$^{t}$ Bishops Company that of Battallion instead of Company, it is therefore a point of some Delicacy (but all is well). I have serious doubts relative to the abilities of the Commanding Officer Detach$^{d}$ at Bridgeport, from his communications to me, altho' my Directions to him have been pointed. I trust Your Excellency will not hold me responsible for his conduct. I had got thus far upon the receipt of Your Excellencys 2$^{d}$ Letter same Date. Cap$^{t}$ Thompson has gone with his Company to Guilford, Lieut. Rogers will be here tomorrow, but with 24 Men only instead of 30.

The Duty for the Troops here is extremely fatiguing & I see no alternative from the present force — I shall cheerfully dispense with any arrangements made by Your Excellency — —

Your Excellency will instantly perceive the necessity of some Augmentation or different arrangement of the Force — — Major Hotchkiss is an Active vigilant Officer has seen service & is contiguous to this Post — Major Copeland (if not resigned) is also a Soldier in every sense & is adjacent to New London. Your Excellency on these momentous subjects will excuse my being thus Prolix. I have the Honour to be Your Excellencys most Obd$^{t}$ & Humble Serv$^{t}$

ELIHU SANFORD

P. S. 1 Ship & 1 Brig of Guilford 8 OClock A.M.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq$^{r}$ Cap$^{tn}$ General Sharon

[Endorsed] Col. Elihu Sanford 15. Sept. 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO LEVI LUSK

[6:98]

HARTFORD 15$^{th}$ Sept. 1814 —

*Sir*

I have barely time to acknowledge the receipt of your communication by Capt. Goodman — — — As Major Gen$^{l}$ Taylor informs me by letter of his determination to visit immediately the posts at N. Haven & Bridgeport I presume the militia are left in your comand at N. London & its vicinity and I feel the utmost confidence in your disposition & ability to effectuate the great objects of the service —

The enclosed letter from an unknown hand contains probably some hints which may be useful. I am particularly desirous that you should r[e]connoitre the ground on each side of the river to the ships with a view to the defences which may be opposed to the enemy in the event of an attack —

Give my particular regards to Major General Williams, to whom I have not time to write, & inform him I place great reliance on his prompt & efficient succour with all his force if necessary whenever the occasion may demand his assistance —

I am Sir &c.

Gen$^{l}$ LUSK

[Endorsed] To Gen$^{l}$ Lusk — 15. Sept. 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH HOWE

[6:99]

HARTFORD 15. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

Your letter of this day by the Rev$^{d}$ M$^{r}$ Robbins is received — It contains the first and only intimation given me that militia were called out at Killingworth on the late alarm in Guilford — The proceedure has been altogether irregular and cannot therefore be approved — You have done right however in ordering the men to be dismissed. With a guard constantly stationed at Killingworth and no attempt on the part of the enemy to effect a landing, there could not have been the least occasion for an additional force. Col. Brainard consequently should have discharged the men the moment he had notice of their being in the field —

I am Sir respectfully your
ob$^{t}$ & hum. ser$^{t}$

B. Gen$^{l}$ HOWE

[Endorsed] To B. Gen$^{l}$ Howe 15. Sept. 1814 —

## PETITION FROM CITIZENS OF NEW LONDON

[6:100]

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire*
*Governor of the State of Connecticut*

*Sir*

We deem it a duty we owe ourselves as Inhabitants of New London & Citizens of the State of Connecticut freely & candidly to represent to your Excellency our feelings & apprehensions at this momentous period — — — Our Situation is generally well known to your Excellency & notwithstanding the disposition your Excellency has ever manifested to afford ample protection to all parts of the State; yet we believe you are not fully apprized of our particular condition & immediate danger. The force stationed at this place is in the opinion of the most judicious & discreet part of our Citizens altogether inadequate to repel the Enemy or secure us against the threatening danger.

The Squadron of the United States which sought Refuge in our Waters composing a third of our Navy offers to the national pride & ambition of the Enemy an object of attack at this time of greater Interest than can be found in any other part of the United States— an object the attainment of which will in all probability be attempted even at any Expence and Sacrafice — — — We would not presume to dictate the course to be pursued by your Excellency yet we do believe that a much greater force than is now stationed here is indispensibly necessary to the security of this place untill some material change in the position & attitude of the Enemy — — — We rest confident that your Excellency will be pleased to know our feelings & listen with attention to our Representation & that you will cheerfully afford all the aid & security in your power — — We have selected Major Thomas W Williams to be the Bearer of this Letter who will more fully explain the wishes of the people of this Town & its Vicinity — —

New London September 17th 1814

Jeremiah Brainard
Jed Huntington
Elias Perkins
Eb^R Learned
Lyman Law
Isaac Thompson
W^M P. Cleaveland
Edward Hallam
David Coit
Jacob B Gurley
Geo. Hallam
Elisha Denison
Sam^L Green
Marvin Wait
Sam^L M. P. Lee
Jared Starr
Rob^T Hallam
Jn^O Christophers
George Chapman
Rueben Langdon
John P. Trott
Tho^S Pool
Sam^L Hunting
Charles W Denison
Ab^M Shepard
Natha^L Otis
Jason Rogers
John Obrien
Tho^S Coit
Jon^A Starr Jun^R
S Hurlbut
Jn^O Hallam
John H. Frink
Leon^D D. Richards
David Frink Sr
Leonard H Bulkely
Jonathan Starr
John Way

Richard Douglas
William Young
Dan$^{L}$ Deshon
Jehu J Cornell
I T H Cranndle
John Howard 2$^{d}$
Jesse Brown
Job Taber Jun
Ephraim R Otis
Sam$^{LL}$ B Hempsted
S Williams
J Maniere
Elisha Avery
Joseph Bolles
R Stoddard
James Burtwell
Sam$^{L}$ Chany
Increase Wilcox
Benj$^{N}$ Brown
Asa Dutton
Dan$^{L}$ Caulkins
Charles Butler
Pearce Darrow
Orlando Hallam
Elisha North
Geo. Starr
Geo G Jewett
G Williams
James Baxter
Rob Coit
O. Champlain
Joseph Smith
Nat. Saltonstall
Peter Richards
William Colfax
Charles Culver
Henry Duncken
D F Brainard — —
Edward Learned
Fred$^{K}$ Miner — —
Isaac Frink
JSW Parker
John S Miller
Gurdon Kimball
John Prentis
Eben$^{R}$ Perkins
Tho$^{S}$ W. Williams
Martin Lee
Jacob Grosvenor
Eben$^{R}$ Clark

[Endorsed] Petition of citizens New London — 17. Sept. 1814
rec$^{d}$ 21$^{st}$ answ$^{d}$ D$^{o}$

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO MORGAN LEWIS

[6:101]

State of Connecticut
Sharon 17. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

Having been engaged for several weeks on the coast and in the interiour of the State, I had not the pleasure to receive your letter of the 6$^{th}$ instant until my arrival here this day —

Rest assured Sir of my sincere disposition to assist in the

defence of New York to the extent of the means at my disposal. But I need not inform you that we have more than one hundred miles of Sea coast assailable by the enemy — that numerous bodies of militia are constantly employed in watching the movements of the hostile squadron — and that in the event of a serious attack our whole strength would probably be required. Should the enemy however bring his entire force to bear upon New York, thus leaving us for the time unmolested, there can be no doubt that a respectable number of our troops might be spared and would march with cheerfulness to the relief of your capital —

I have the honour to be
with great respect Sir
your obedient and
very humble servant
JOHN COTTON SMITH

Major General MORGAN LEWIS
Commanding &c. New York
[Endorsed] To Maj^r Gen^l Lewis 17. Sept. 1814

## JIRAH ISHAM TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:102]

NEW LONDON Sep^t 17^th 1814

*His Excellency Gov^r Smith*
*Sir,*

In this time of alarming apprehension for the safety of this Town & its vicinity my responcibility is vastly increased & I should not discharge my duty without making all such efforts for our security as are in my power. — — I may reason incorrectly, I sincerely hope I do, but I entertain no doubt we shall have an attack at this Place. — — —

If the United States Ships which have fled for safety into our Waters, navigable & approachable by the Enemy's Ships, were removed, I confess I should entertain no serious apprehensions of an immediate attack. — — — — — In any attempt to detroy this Squadron our *territory* is violated, if our Dwellings are not laid in ashes — But from the enemy's threats & his recent con-

duct at Stonington, even the latter are not to be spared. — — — To protect our honour and reputation the enemy must not put his feet on our Soil, without suitable chastisement, or we are disgraced forever — — — —

— — — — — To enable me, *in the absence of Maj^r Gen^l Williams,* to call in the aid of all the forces under my command, with the least possible delay & have them promptly & speedily furnished with arms & ammunition is more especially the reason for addressing Your Excellency by soliciting your instructions at the present moment — — —

Your Excellency will recollect that on the 18th of June last you addressed me a Letter of instruction, authorizing me "in case the enemy should appear off New London in force sufficient to induce the belief of an immediate attack to exercise the authority given me by Law in calling out *at the request of Inspector General Jacob* Kingsbury such part of the Troops under my command as *he* might deem necessary for the occasion." — — —

By this I am not authorized to call out Troops unless by request of Col. Kingsbury & this order was probably intended to leave no discretion with me on the subject. — — Col. Kingsbury does not command & his Successor Gen^l Cushing will make no future requisition or even request for Troops — —

This I have from the best source. — — Will your Excellency please instruct me that I may not be exposed, together with the State to disgrace by not making the most effectual stand in our power against the enemy — — —

Without saying more the embarrassing situation in which I am placed will be seen in *part,* — — delicacy does not permit me to disclose it *fully.* — —

We have very little Ammunition of any kind particularly *fixed* ammunition, to my knowledge Much of the little we have is bad & unfit for use — — Indeed, we can truly say that at no period since your Excellency has provided us with a force have we felt so little confidence in our defence as at the present, the most dangerious, period we have witnessed. — — — It does not become *me* to speak of the state & condition of the Troops now in Service, the Bearer of the Petition from the *Citizens* is

particularly instructed to apprize your Excellency of this. — —

We earnestly entreat your Excellency that we may have Troops, disposed to serve and protect us and the state & adequate to that all important object, or else that all shew of force may be dispensed with. — The spirit of our Citizens is awakened. — — All desire to meet the enemy with conduct becoming those who regard their country. — — But for this we want Troops, arms & Ammunition — —The United States have a large Supply of the Latter, but upon this we cannot now rely. — — — No officer is authorized to deliver it to our Troops. — — — Indeed it is whispered that Gen[l] Cushing will have now so small a command here that he will take up his Head Quarters at Newport, where the largest U, States force is, at present — — — — But I must ask your Excellency not to mention this circumstance as it was stated to me in such a manner I ought not to name it to any other person

I must apologize to your Excellency for troubling you with so many remarks at this time & my only excuse is, that if an attack at New London or its vicinity, within the limits of my command, is not repelled or at any rate met with spirit, whatever the force of the enemy may be *my* reputation is forever blasted. — — — No excuse of want of preparation will avail any thing. — — — I could not longer rest in silence. — — — —

With great respect & esteem
Your Excellency's
Obed[t] Serv[t]
JIRAH ISHAM Brig[r] Gen[l] 3[d]
Brigade

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford
[Endorsed] Brig[d] Gen[l] Isham's de defence of N. London 17. Sept. 1814 — rec[d] 21[st] answ[d] D[o]

## AUGUSTINE TAYLOR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:103]

NEW HAVEN Sept[r] 18[th] 1814

*Dear Sir* —

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 16[th]

by Col° Ward & have the pleasure to inform you that my health is tolerable notwithstanding my ride from N. London in the rain — the unpleasant, inteligence received on the road, from the Troops, at Newhaven induced Me to hasten on as fast as possible — I was happy to find Col° Ward there in time, to cooperate in removing the difficulty by which Means, Order & harmony, are again restored — The infamous conduct of the Issuing Commisary, was No doubt the principal cause, [o]f this very Unpleasant Occurance. — In regard to the dismising a part of the 3rd Brigade (commanded by Gen^l Isham who from their local situation can be imediately called into Service at the Shortest Notice — this consideration, together with the extra Services, by them performed, induced me (with the Advice of some of the principal Inhabitants at New London, to dismiss them — — I shall Make No further reduction of the force at this place — At present — To relieve the gards, at Say Brook & Killingsworth I was induced to Send the whole of Cap^t Johnsons Company — He having but one Subaltern with him (the other being Sick Absent) it seemed Necessary that thier Should be an Officer of Artilery to take Charge of the Batery at Killingsworth, so that in the event of leaving A part of Capt^n Johnsons Company at N London they Must have remained without An Officer — A Subaltern officer & 30 Men of the Infantry is detailed to join Cap^t Johnson^s Company — which with 18 Men of Cap^t Johnsons company to be armed with Musket will Make a Sufficient Number for Covering parties — for the Pieces —row gards &c A Subaltern officer & 25 Men of the third Reg^t retained in Service at N London will be Able to Manage the piece which belonged to Captain Johnson which he has Not moved from New London — — — — —
I trust I Shall in due time be Able to give Your Excellency, A detailed Account of the transactions of Gen^l Cushing &c

I am dear Sir very Respectfully
your Friend & humble Serv^t
AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire
Governor of Conn Sharon

[Endorsed] Major Gen[l] Taylor 18. Sept. 1814 rec[d] 22[nd] answ[d]
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## LEMUEL STORRS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:104]

MIDDLETOWN Sept[r] 13. 1814

*Sir.*

From various circumstances the inhabitants of this place are much alarmed at the probability of a visit from the enemy. At a meeting of the authority & Selectmen yesterday, as their Chairman, I was requested to address your Excellency with a request that there may be a row-guard established at the mouth of Connecticut River. At present there is no precaution of this kind & the enemy in a dark night might be first to give us notice of their approach — —

We have appointed a committee to procure ordinance, ammunition & every requisite of defence, trusting that the State will eventually pay to us the expences incurred by this proceeding.

I am with high respect
Your Excellencys most humble Serv[t]
LEMUEL STORRS

His Exc[y] JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Superscribed] forwarded His Exc[y] JOHN COTTON SMITH
Hartford New Haven Sharon C[t] 10 18

[Endorsed] Lem[l] Storrs Esq[r]

Also — By an omission which I must regret I now find both letters & one other originally deposited in this office for Gov. Smith have escaped the proper Mail & must remain here till Tuesday — — Hartford Oct. 1. 1814 — JL. — It is wrong that this should have happened — I will endeavor that a carefulness suited to the importance of our Communication with Sharon shall prevent future error — — — Mr. Law sent on Tuesday morning to Col. Trumbull's office to receive advice whether to forward letters to Gov. Smith but not finding Col. Trumbull there mail departed. Afterwards the same day after departure of the Litch. mail they were directed to be forwarded.

## SETH P. STAPLES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:105]

New Haven Sep. 19— 1814

*To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq*

*Sir,*

At the request of several Gentlemen in Town I this morning examined 2 6 pound Guns owned by Mr. Shipman He will sell the pair with such Irons &c as belong to them at 150 Dollars. These Guns were made in England 1799 for the ship Neptune & weigh 8$^{Cw}$ : 5$^{o}$ : 4$^{ld}$ — — & I think are excellent Guns either for field carriages or Garrison — The price is not unreasonable — There is an application for these Guns from New York & we are very unwilling these Guns should go out of the state. I would suggest to your Excellency the expediency of purchasing these Guns immediately — They are much wanted —

If your Excellency should think proper to direct that they be purchased I will do it & prove them the State finding ammunition & charge nothing for my services —

I am your Hb Ser$^{t}$

S P Staples

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Sharon

[Endorsed] Col. S. P. Staples 19. Sept. 1814 rec$^{d}$ & answ$^{d}$ 29$^{th}$ De cannon—

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AMAZIAH BRAY

[6:106]

Sharon 19. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

On my return to this place from Hartford I found your letter of the 12$^{th}$ instant, and have this day enclosed it to Brig$^{d}$ Gen$^{l}$ Terry with instructions to cause the transactions therein related to be thoroughly investigated, and to see that the proper remedies are applied — —

I am Sir respectfully your
ob$^{t}$ & humble sert —
J. C. S.

Capt. Bray —
[Endorsed] To Capt. A. Bray — 19. Sept. 1814 in answer to his of the 12th

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO NATHANIEL TERRY

[6:107]

Sharon 19. Sept. 1814 —

*Dr Sir*

On my return from Hartford I found the enclosed letter from Capt. Bray — Some of the transactions therein related are highly disgraceful to the Service and demand a thorough investigation — As the officers implicated are both members of the corps you have the honour to command, I must request you will take such measures to ascertain the facts and cause such remedies to be applied as shall be dictated by your own sense of propriety & a due regard to the laws of the state —

I am Dr Sir very respectfully
Your obt & most hum. sert

B. Genl Terry — commanding the regular troops of the state —
Be so good as to preserve Capt. Bray's letter.
[Endorsed] To Brigd Genl Terry 19. Sept. 1814 enclosing Capt. Bray's letter &c

## RESOLVES FROM TOWN OF NORWICH

[6:108]

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Norwich legally wared and holden at the meeting house in Chelsea on Tuesday the 20th day of September A.D. 1814.

Benjamin Snow Esq Moderator

Whereas from the great number of Merchant ships which are laid up in this Harbour, the Contiguity of three public Vessels of War (one of which is peculiarly an Object of the enemys wishes) the Great number of Cotton, Woolen, Flour and other Valuable Manufactories, A Public arsenal and divers ship yards; Together with the peculiar local sitaution of this City and its adjacent Villages and districts at the head of Navigation on the

River; the Same are emminently in danger Assailable by the enemy & Subject (unless powerfully defended) to his threatened waste and Destruction. — —

And Whereas if an invasion where renewed at the Eastern end of the sound it wou'd doubtless be so Conducted as to leave no hope that a Military force cou'd be spared from the New London station for our defence;

And from the sudden Manner in which a descent of the enemy May be made; the work of outrage and Destruction may be Completed before the Militia of the Adjacent territory can be brought to the defence of the state; while the increasing strength of New York (by rendering hopeless an Attack there) and the advanced season of the Year, render our situation daily more Critical and Alarming, disquieted, as we are with general terror & anxiety — —

Resolved — —

As the sence of this Town that a Committee be appointed to Petition his Excellency the Commander in Chief and the officer Commanding in this Military district requesting that Two thousand of the Military force of this State may be immediately Embodied Stationed in or near this City & prepared to Unite with the troops of the 3rd Brigade & Others in the spirited & effectual defence of this State.

Resolved also that his Excellency be requested to Cause to be forwarded to this post of danger such firearms, pieces of Artillery & Ammunition, as it may be in his power to supply, at this distressing and alarming period
Resolved, that the present select men be a Committee for the purpose of Carrying the foregoing Resolves into Effect

The foregoing Resolves are a true Copy
of Record — —

Attest PHILIP HUNTINGTON
Town Clerk
Norwich

## JEREMIAH STURGES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:109]

MILL RIVER IN FAIRFIELD Sept$^{r}$ 20 1814

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq$^{r}$*

*Sir*

at the particular Request of a Number of the Members of my Exempt Comp$^{y}$ (who are Claimed by the Militia officers), as Subjects of Military, I have taken the liberty to Address your Excellency on the Subject, as thare is Various Opinions Among the Militia officers as Well as Others, I beg Your Excellency to give me Your Opinion Whether they are properly Subject to the Militia or not, the following is a Statement of their particular Cases, (Viz) Will$^{m}$ B. Dimon, David Bradley, Jonth$^{n}$ Bulkley, Will$^{m}$ [$^{seal}$]ike John Mitchel Joseph Perry 3$^{rd}$ & W$^{m}$ Robinson Jn$^{r}$, have been to Sea the Coasting and West India Trade from 15 to 20 years and Master of Vessels from 8 to 12 years, their Vessels are now hauld up in consequence of the War. they have gone into no other Business but are Waiting for an opertunity to Resume their occupation, John Osborn Joseph W Davis & Lothrop Sturges are in the Same Situation Except they have parted with their Vessels since the War, they are now all on Guard (Except Two that has Serj$^{ts}$ Warrants) in this place being Detach$^{d}$ from my Com$^{py}$, one is Serj$^{t}$ Com'd$^{t}$ of the Guard, thare is a Number of Others is in Similar Circumstances, None of them has Ever been in the Militia but are now Warned to do Duty, they all Joined my Comp$^{y}$ at its Commencement and furnish$^{d}$ themselves Complete for Service

I feel a Considerable Interest in the Case for if they have to go into the Militia, it will my Com$^{py}$ Very much Consequently our Defence

I am sir Respectfully Your
Most Obed$^{t}$ Humb$^{l}$ Serv$^{t}$ &c

JEREMIAH STURGES

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq
Sharon Conn$^{t}$ Fairfield September 21 10

[Endorsed] Capt. Jer$^{h}$ Sturges 20 Sept. 1814 Rec$^{d}$ & answ$^{d}$ 29$^{th}$

## ANDREW KINGSBURY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:110]

Treasury office HARTFORD Septem$^{r}$ 20$^{th}$ 1814

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq$^{r}$*

*Sir*

My letter to the Banks of Norwich New London, Union, New Haven & Middletown requesting to be informed what part of the $50000.0 they could loan to the State, has been answered by Norwich New London & Union Banks, "that it would be highly gratifying to them to loan to this State a part of the sum wanted, but that the great change which has taken place prevents their doing any thing more than paying the demands against them" from the other two banks I have received no answer, D Daggett Esquire to whom I gave the letter for New Haven Bank told me that they could make no part of the loan unless the State could run on New York Bills, and I have seen the Cashier of Middletown Bank since they rec$^{d}$ my letter, it had not then been laid before the directors but he said that he thought that they could not make any part of the loan — — I bilieve nothing can be expected from any of the above mentioned banks

The State of the Treasury is as follows

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance in Bank | | 18386..93 |
| D° in office | | 406..40 |
| Loan agreed on at Hartford Bank | | 50000— |
| | | 68793—33 |
| Amount collected on School fund bonds | 30167.72 | |
| D° Interest on ditto | 12115.47 | 42283—19 |
| | | $26510—14 |

The School fund is under the controul of the commissioner and whether he will feel at liberty to agree that any part of this money shall be paid for other purposes than its appropriation without assurances that it shall be placed at his command at any time when he shall call for it I cannot say I shall probably see him this week and will converse with him on the Subject — I have thought proper to give your Excellency this information that you

might not be surprised with the State of the Treasury hereafter

I am Sir with due respect
your Excellencys most
obt & huml servt
A KINGSBURY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon
[Endorsed] Treasurer Kingsbury 20. Sept. 1814 —

## ELIHU SANFORD TO AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[6:111]

Officers wanting in Capt Abijah B. Curtiss' & Capt John Buckinghams Company's to complete — — Viz:

One 1st Lieutenant } in Capt Curtis'
One Ensign }

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One 1st Lieut in Capt Buckinghams Compy
Also One 2nd Lieut in the place of Lieut James M. L. Scoville who absented himself immediately after the arrival of the Troops at this Post & has not been heard of since, he was however reported for a number of Days, Sick in Quarters.

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In consequence of Capt Curtis' Men having drawn Arms before they marchd from their rendezvous at New Town, some of the Soldiers belonging to other Companies became dissatisfied & sent home their Arms unbeknown to their Officers & there are no Arms in the Deputy Qr M Genls hands to furnish them.
NEW HAVEN Sept 21. 1814

ELIHU SANFORD

To Majr Genl TAYLOR

## SELECTMEN OF NORWICH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:112]

NORWICH 21 Sept 1814

*Sir,*

By direction of the Town of Norwich, we transmit to your

Excellency the enclosed resolutions, passed in Town meeting yesterday: and respectfully request your attention to them in such manner as you shall judge expedient.

Very Respectfully
We are
Your Excellency's
M° Ob^t & M° Hbl Serv^t

CHAS. P. HUNTINGTON
FRA^S A PERKINS
JOHN L BURWELL
} Selectmen of the Town of Norwich

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon Chelsea Land^g Sept 21 20
[Endorsed] Resolutions of the town of Norwich — rec^d by a Northern mail 3. Oct. 1814 — answ^d 9^th at Hartford.

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM WILLIAMS

[6:113]

SHARON 21. Sept. 1814

*Sir*—

The unexampled condition in which this state as well as our common country is placed by the events of the war, calls for the spirited efforts of all our citizens and especially of those invested with military authority — I must therefore repeat the request heretofore made that you hold your division in complete readiness to act for the defence of that portion of the state and that you call such part of the force under your command into the field as exegencies may render necessary, under the provisions of the statute — — Allow me to add that I repose the highest confidence in your tried skill & experience under any circumstance which may demand your personal exertions —

I am Sir with great regard
your ob^t & hm. ser^t —

[Endorsed] To Major Gen^l Williams 21. Sept. 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO LEVI LUSK

[6:114]

SHARON 21. Sept. 1814

*Sir*—

I seize the opportunity which is afforded me by the return of Major Williams to press upon you the great importance of keeping your men in a state of as much activity as possible — Want of employment will not only produce disease & despondency but absolute insubordenation —You will pardon my solicitude upon this subject — Constant drills and a regular course of discipline are essential to the health of the troops as well as to their usefulness —How soon you may be called to meet the enemy is indeed uncertain — but perfect preparation for such an event is dictated by every consideration arising from a sense of honour & of safety — —

Have you a good supply of ammunition? — if not, let the D. Q. M. General attend to the subject without a moment's delay —

I am happy to learn that Capt. Johnson left his field piece at N. London — I sincerely wish we had many more at that post — there should certainly be no diminution — It is said you have an artillery company on the east bank of the river without any ordnance—If so they should undoubtedly be supplied with one of those at N. London — or if more advisable from Norwich — Care however must be taken that the pieces are not carried to the point in the right season in such manner as to expose them to capture by the enemy's barges —

I am apprehensive your tow cloth tents will in no respect answer for the men at this season — The D. Q. M. General should therefore provide a comfortable shelter for them in houses or other suitable buildings which the inhabitants will as heretofore furnish for that purpose —

Excuse me for troubling you with these details of which I am confident you will make no other than a proper use —

I am sir with sincere regard
your o$^{t}$ & hm se$^{t}$

Gen[l] Lusk —
[Endorsed] To B. Gen[l] Lusk — 21. Sept. 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JIRAH ISHAM

[6:115]

Sharon 21. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

Major Williams has delivered me your letter of the 17th instant — My instructions of the 17th June (issued at the request of that *discreet* and excellent officer Col. Kingsbury) were not intended in any respect to limit or to vary the powers which were already vested in you by law — and I cannot but regret that you seem to give them a different interpretation —

It is unquestionably your duty, and I fully believe it will be faithfully performed, to employ the whole of your force and all the means at your command if requisite, in resisting the attempt of the enemy to profane our territory or approach the National property in our waters — If any instructions or exhortations of mine to this effect are necessary I desire you to consider them as given in the fullest manner —

The Q. M. General was directed before I left Hartford to send on a fresh supply of arms and ammunition to N. London — The Agent of the United States at that post had solemnly engaged to furnish with many other things the article last mentioned. It will be for him to explain why the militia were on the ground about ten days as I am officially informed without a cartridge? — Why the cartridges when delivered were so deficient in powder as to be almost worthless? And why even these meagre supplies have been wholly withdrawn — ?

You are doubtless sensible we have already a very considerable quantity of fixed ammunition at Norwich for the use of our troops and that about seven hundred arms are distributed to the force in your vicinity — Whilst I lament there should be so many deficiencies in our militia, every effort on my part has been & will be made to supply them —

Such arrangements for your defence as are practicable shall be attempted — Let me rely in the meantime on a continuance

of those spirited & honourable exertions which have uniformly distinguished your brigade at every approach of the enemy —

I am Sir with sincere regard
your obedient & hum. ser$^{t}$ —

B Gen$^{l}$ Isham
[Endorsed] To Gen$^{l}$ Isham — 21. Sept. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GEORGE W. JEWETT

[6:116]

Sharon 22. Sept. 1814 —

*Sir*

I have rec$^{d}$ Your letter of the 15$^{th}$ with its enclosure under date of the 12$^{th}$ instant — The latter I now forward to B. Gen$^{l}$ Terry with instructions that he cause the facts to be investigated and that he take such ulteriour measures as the case may demand — I had previously made the like disposition of a letter received from Capt. Bray on the same subject —

I am Sir respectfully your
ob$^{t}$ & hum. ser$^{t}$ —
J. C. S.

Capt. Jewett —
[Endorsed] To Capt. Jewett — 22. Sept. 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN MIX

[6:117]

Sharon 22. Sept. 1814 —

*Sir*

At our last interview it was proposed to forward further quantities of arms and ammunition to the neighbourhood of New London — Gen$^{l}$ Isham writes me there is no adequate supply and is extremly importunate on the subject — There is great consternation prevailing in that quarter at the present moment — I must request you if not done already to hasten on the supplies — as fast as possible — Let them be abundant and especially fixed ammunition of every kind adapted to that Service —

In haste I am Sir your
ob$^{t}$ & hum. ser$^{t}$ —

Col. Mix Q. M. Gen$^{l}$
[Endorsed] To Q. M. General 22. Sept. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[6:118]

Sharon 22. Sept. 1814

*Dear Sir*—

Major Taylor has delivered me your favour of the 18$^{th}$ instant and the several papers accompanying it —

I think it advisable all circumstances considered not to confound the commissioned officers & privates of the different corps — This course may be attended with inconvenience but in my opinion Sound policy requires it. We have gained much in reconciling the state troops & militia to the command of *General* & *field* officers without discrimination — but we shall push the point too far perhaps by insisting that the privates shall be commanded by company *commissioned* officers not of their own corps — As there is but one militia captain of infantry on duty I should imagine any collision upon this subject may be avoided without much embarrassment to the service — and it should be done if possible without appearing to *Surrender* any principle —

I perceive there is a deficiency of Subalterns in the State troops — It is difficult to Supply them unless from Capt. Butler's and Capt. Darling's companies — If they can be obtained from thence let Col. Sanford issue an order for that purpose *as coming from me* — We ought not to break up other companies who are every moment liable to be called into service, in another direction—

The village of Westbrook lying between Saybrook & Killingworth have twice petitioned for a guard — They have a pretty strong claim, but we cannot make a new establishment for them — If Capt. Johnson can possibly cover that point with his present force I should be gratified — Be pleased to examine the subject and effect such an arrangement if practicable — I have

mentioned to the petitioners that this is the only course I can adopt — and that you will accommodate them if your present means will admit —

Affairs at N. London mentioned —

[Endorsed] To Gen[l] Taylor — 22. Sept. 1814

## JAMES M. L. SCOVIL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:119]

WATERBURY Sep[t] 23[rd] 1814

*His Excelency*
*Governor Smith*
*Sir*

Having recently received from General Garrett Smith the appointment of Quarter Master in the Eighth Brigade of Militia in this State, I beg leave respectfuly to tender to your Excelency my resignation of the Command, which I have the honor to Hold of second Lieutenant in the eigth Company of the first regiment of the State Corps,

I have the honor to be with
very great Respect your
Excelency's Most Obediant and
Most Humble Serv[t]
JA[S] M. L. SCOVIL

[Superscribed] His Excelency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Connec[t]

[Endorsed] Lieut. J[s] L Scovils resignation — Mil. corps —rec[d] 29. Sept. 1814

Accepted by advise of the council 18. Oct. 1814 —

## LEMUEL STORRS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:120]

MIDDLETOWN Sept[r] 23[d] 1814

*Sir*

I wrote your Excellency a letter Some days since by request of the inhabitants of this place, a copy of which I send you supposing that your Excellency has not received the Letter

as it was directed to you at New Haven about the time of Commencement

MIDDLETOWN Sept$^{r}$ 13. 1814

*"Sir*

From various circumstances the inhabitants of this place are much alarmed at the probability of a visit from the enemy. At a meeting of the Authority & Selectmen yesterday, as their chairman I was requested to address your excellency with a request that there may be a rowguard established at the mouth of Connecticut River. At present there is no precaution of this kind, & the enemy in a dark night might be the first to give us notice of their approach.

We have appointed a Committee to procure ordnance, ammunition & every requisite of defence, trusting that the State will eventually pay to us the expences incurred by this proceeding.

I am with high respect

Your Excellency's most humble Servant",

LEMUEL STORRS

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Care of Andrew Kingsbury Esqr. Hartford —

[Endorsed] Lem$^{l}$ Storrs Esq$^{r}$ 23$^{rd}$ Sept. 1814 rec$^{d}$ & answ$^{d}$ 29$^{th}$ De Row-guard

## AUGUSTINE TAYLOR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:121]

NEWHAVEN Sep$^{t}$ 23$^{rd}$ 1814 —

*Dear Sir* — —

I have the pleasure to inform your Excellency, that after A short but very severe Indisposition, I am able to write you a brief sketch of recent transactions — — —

difficulties are frequently hapening, Ariseing principally from two causes — in the first place — lamentable to State, Colo. Sanford, is the Most Unpoppular Man living, the troops Universally detest him, & in the Next place we have here A Captain Smith of the State Troops, a wise *fool,* & in My opinion a villian that is disposed to make all the difficulty in his power —

after Major Taylor left, the officers who signed the remonstrance Uterly refused to let their men go on duty, on the principal Stated in the remonstrance, but finding they were not to be gratified, by a revocation of the Order — of which they complain, and fearing on reflection, the consequences Ariseing from disobedience of General Orders — they consented —
I should be happy to have your Excellency Oppinion on the propper Course to be persued on this Occasion. I feel strongly disposed to Make examples of one or two of them if A Court Martial can be detailed that would do their duty — The embarrased Situation of Col° Sanfords want of officers (some of them being Sick &c &c has induced) Me (from the Necessity of the Services to appoint Col° Staples to the duty of Inspector. (who by the way voluntered his Services) Untill I should know your Excellencies pleasure —

I have the honour to be very
Respectfully Your Excellencies Most
Obd^t & Humble Serv^t
AUGUSTINE TAYLOR
Major Gen^l
Comm^g

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Governor State of Connecticut Sharon — — New Milford C^t Sep^tr 26^th 8

[Endorsed] Major Gen^l Taylor 23. Sept. 1814 rec^d & answ^d 29^th

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ORCHARD GOULD

[6:122]

SHARON 23^rd Sept. 1814

*Dear Sir*

Your letter of the 13^th instant arrived here during my absence at Hartford —

The Q. M. General has been heretofore instructed to furnish arms for such of the volunteer artillery company in Branford as were not wanted to manage the ordnance and had no muskets — If this has not been done the order shall be renewed — I am not authorized to commit the public arms to any individuals

but such as belong to some organized corps — Every citizen however must feel at this momentous period the importance of being provided with that indispensable article —

I am D^r Sir very sincerely
your ob^t ser^t
J. C. S —

ORCHARD GOULD Esq^r
[Endorsed] To O. Gould Esq^r 23. Sept. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO NATHANIEL TERRY

[6:123]

SHARON 23. Sept. 1814 —

*D^r Sir*

I forwarded to you a few days since a letter from Capt. Bray relative to a controversy between him & Capt. Jewett — with a request that you would cause the facts to be investigated & would take such ulteriour measures as the case might demand — Having just received Capt. Jewett's statement of the same transaction, justice requires that I make the like disposition of it — I accordingly now enclose it for your consideration —

I am D^r Sir
With great respect
& esteem your ob^t & hm. ser^t

B. Gen^l TERRY —
[Endorsed] To B. Gen^l Terry 23. Sept. 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM M. BETTS

[6:124]

SHARON 23. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

Your favour of the 6^th instant covering the Norwalk association of volunteers arrived here during my absence at Hartford — I avail myself of the first mail since my return to acknowledge the receipt of it and to express my sincere regret that it is not in my power to accept the association in its present form. The object is limited *to the defence of the town of Norwalk* — We

have no statute authorizing such an enrollment — The purposes are mentioned in the act and the company cannot be organized upon any other principles — I will very cheerfully give you, as I have done in several other cases, my personal assurance that during the period I may have the honour to command you will not be ordered into service against the common enemy out of your own town — but no such condition can legally appear in the act of association itself —

I hope Sir the large and respectable number of citizens who have thus generously tendered their services will readily assent to the terms prescribed by the statute —

I am Sir respectfully your
ob$^{t}$ & hm$^{l}$ ser$^{t}$

W. M. Betts Esq$^{r}$

Terms of association — —

[Endorsed] To W. M. Betts Esqr

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JONATHAN LAY

[6:125]

Sharon 23. Sept. 1814 —

*Sir*

The application for a guard to be stationed at Westbrook Subscribed by yourself & several other citizens of that place arrived here during my absence at Hartford — — I entertain a hope that from the force now employed at Saybrook & Killingworth a sufficient number may be spared to mount a small guard at your village — and a letter is this day addressed to Gen$^{l}$ Taylor commanding the militia in service on the coast to effect such an arrangement if it can be done without endangering the posts above mentioned — He will be disposed to accommodate you if possible — After the deliberate opinion expressed by the Council upon your former representation I cannot feel myself justified in making a new military establishment at West Brook —

I would most cheerfully carry protection from the enemy to every dwelling on the coast — but unfortunately the attempt would be impracticable — I am Sir very respectfully

Your o^t & hm. ser^t

JON^A LAY Esq.

[Endorsed] To citizens of Westbrook — 23. Sept. 1814

## LEVI LUSK TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:126]

NEW LONDON Sept 25^th 1814

*His Excellency J. C. Smith Esq^r* — —

Your Excellency's letter of the 21^st Inst has been received — — Herewith I transmit a report of the forces under my command, which shows not only the station occupied by them, but the exact force at each station — — The Troops are regularly exercised each day in their respective Camps — — The extent of coast guarded both by day & by night, with the ordinary duties of the Camp, have not only afforded sufficient exercise, but in all cases a considerable fatigue.

Three Companies have been Quartered at the Court House & in that vicinity, till within a few days past — — That part of the 3^d Regt, which was taken from Gen. Ishams Brigade, has by order of Maj General Taylor been discharged — — In consequence of which, two of the Companies mentioned above have been removed to Groton & now occupy the Tents vacated by the discharged Militia — The other Com^y has been removed to Town Hill & are Quartered in Houses Barns &c — — The disposition of the Brigade is such, as I have thought proper to make, after having examined the Coast, & the most exposed points — — —

The D Q M. General has given me positive assurance that ample provision has been made with respect to ammunition — He has however to be prepared for the worst, written Col Mix for a further supply — — — A great degree of anxiety exists in the minds of the Inhabitants of N London respecting the opposition which our troops would be able to make, against an attack from an enemy of between 3 & 5000 Men — — But you may rest assured Sir that every exertion which I am capable of using, will be called forth, to preserve the honor of the State,

& secure to the inhabitants in this vicinity their rights & privileges — — —

The enemy's force in the Sound, as far as I am able to ascertain, consists of 5 or 6 Ships, & 2 or 3 Briggs or Sloops of war — — — —

I am sir your Excellency's most
Obdt & Humble servt —
LEVI LUSK — — — — —

JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq$^{r}$ — — —

P. S — M$^{r}$ Goddard has this day received a considerable supply of ammunition — — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Governor of Connecticut Sharon — — — N London, C Sep — — —26 10

[Endorsed] Brig. Gen$^{l}$ Levi Lusk 26. Sept. Rec$^{d}$ 29$^{th}$ report of force & stations.

| Station | Regt & Conns | Lt Col | Majors | Adj'ds | Qr Master | Pay Master | Chaplain | Surgeon | Surg. Mates | Q M Sergt | Sergt Major | Majors | Capts | 1 Lieuts | 2d Lieuts | Ensigns | Sergts | Corpls | Musicians | Privates | Aggregate |
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| Stonington | Infantry Capt Aspenwall | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | 1 | " | " | 3 | 4 | 1 | 29 | 39 |
| | Artillery Lieut Fisher | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | " | " | " | 1 | 1 | 23 | 26 |
| Groton | Maj. Youngs Battalion | " | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | " | " | " | " | 4 | 4 | " | 4 | 13 | 16 | 6 | 219 | 272 |
| New London | 1 Regt | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | " | 6 | 22 | 22 | 14 | 419 | 508 |
| Saybrook and Killingworth | Infantry & Artillery Capt Johnson | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | " | 1 | 3 | " | " | 5 | 6 | 2 | 97 | 114 |
| Total of Brigade | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 15 | " | 10 | 42 | 49 | 24 | 787 | 959 |

I certify the above to be a correct Return of the Brige of Cont detd Militia Commanded by Brig Gen Lusk

GEORGE PLUMMER
Maj Brig

## NATHANIEL TERRY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:127]

HARTFORD Sep$^{t}$ 26$^{th}$ 1814

*His Excellency Gov$^{r}$ Smith—*

*Sir* I have rec$^{d}$ your Excellency's Letter of the 19$^{th}$ with the Letter of Cap$^{n}$ Bray inclosed — — I shall not fail to enquire into the transactions therein mentioned, & to take suitable Measures for the attainment of Justice & the execution of the Laws

I have lately rec$^{d}$ a Letter from Col$^{o}$ Shepherd containing some information, which I think it my duty to lay before your Excellency — Col$^{o}$ Shepherd writes that in pursuance of orders from the Commander in cheif he ordered the 2$^{d}$ Company under the command of Cap$^{n}$ Curtis, & the 8$^{th}$ under the command of Cap$^{n}$ Buckingham into service at New Haven — that he was inform'd that Cap$^{n}$ Buckingham did not call upon, or march any of those men belonging to his Company who were on duty at Bridgport last spring, & refused to do it — that the mode of detaching lately used had taken from him (Col$^{o}$ Shepherd) his Adjutant & Quarter Master, who are Lieutenants in these Companies, which he conceives to be injurious to him, & unnecessary, as Col$^{o}$ Sanford has his own Regimental Staff — Col$^{o}$ Shepherd says that in that part of the State the frequent calls upon the State Troops is giving rise to much uneasiness among good folks, & that some people less considerate talk rashly — he intimates that a large portion of the Militia who are *war folks,* & have never been disturbed, are pointing the finger at the State Troops & saying *you enlisted* — you have to do more than half of the actual service in the State, & will have it to do during the War, tho' you are less than 2000 in number, & we about 20,000 — The Gov$^{r}$ serves you exactly right — — — The following is a litteral extract from Col$^{o}$ Shepherds Letter — "Under such circumstances it is hard for me, when ask'd by a Soldier or his *father* what advantage has been seen in belonging to your Corps? to answer the question — You may consider from what I have said, that I am uneasy & some-what discouraged — but be assured sir, that is not the case — I am induced to make the above remarks to you, only to shew that I apprehend some difi-

culty, if the present course is persued"— — — I have tho't it to be my duty to make the above communication, which I do without comment — I am very Respectfully your Excellency's most obed$^{t}$ & very hu$^{bl}$ serv$^{t}$

NATH$^{L}$ TERRY

[Superscribed] His Excell$^{y}$ Gov$^{r}$ SMITH Sharon Con$^{t}$ Mail 10
[Endorsed] Gen$^{l}$ Terry — 26. Sept. 1814

## ABIJAH B. CURTIS AND OTHERS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:128]

New Town ship Camp
NEW HAVEN 27$^{th}$ Sept$^{r}$ 1814

*John Cotton Smith Esq$^{r}$*

*May it please your Excellency*

The object of the present address is to make known the unpleasant situation of the undersign'd and the companies which they command — — also to petition for relief — — — — —

On the 25$^{th}$ July 1813 we receiv'd orders from the Captain General to place our companies under the command of Co$^{l}$ Shepherd — and repair to New London there to perform a tour of duty of 45 days — — Notwithstanding the busy season of the year, which made it extremely difficult for men to leave their homes the order was cheerfully complied with, and the campaign performd we trust to the satisfaction of our Chief Magistrate and fellow citizens

In the month of April of the present year a detachment was made from our respective companies and station'd at Bridgeport for 30 days — —

The 8$^{th}$ of inst. Sept$^{r}$ our companies were again ordered into service at this place under command of Co$^{l}$ Sandforde — where they now remain — ignorant of the length of time which they are to serve

We would in the first place state to your Excellency that our companies are composed principally of men who are engagd in agricultural pursuits, and almost without exception of young married men who depend upon their own industry for the sup-

port of themselves and families — — — — — From the above statement relative to the duty which they have performed in the short space of 13 months it will be readily perceived that their business must have been verry much interrupted and that too (from the nature of their employment) at the season which if not improv'd must in a manner break in upon the whole for "when there is no seed time there will be no harvest"

In the next place we would remark that but few of the Militia in our part of the State have *ever* been call'd upon for its defence and that *none* of them have been oblig'd to perform more than one tour of duty Were we appealing to a tribunal less candid than that of your Excellency or less acquainted with the object of the Legislature in organizing the State Corps we might expect to be answered that The States Troops were rais'd for the express purpose of taking the burthen from the militia and were intended to be the sole dependence of the State in defending it against a foreign foe as far as their numbers were adequate to that purpose — But knowing as we do that such was not the intention of the Legislature yet were we for a moment to admit it, we might still reply that certainly it was never meant to throw the *whole* burthen upon a *small* part of it and that many whole companies belonging to our corps had never been in service — — — —

We do not mean to call in question the justice of your Excellency in the course you have thought best to pursue, we are fully sensible of the weighty duties impos'd upon the Chief Magistrate in consequence of the various prosecution of the war by the general government and are well aware that it is difficult for your Excellency to attend to affairs of minor importance in the present embarrasing state of the country — But feeling for the interest and welfare of men who have voluntarily put their confidence in us and trusted themselves to the sole guidance of their native State, we can not see them suffering and oppressd without making a fair and candid statement of their situation and petitioning for their relief

What we have to request is that your Excellency would be

pleas'd to discharge the Companies under our command at the expiration of 30 days from the commencement of service

We are your Excellencys
Obed$^{t}$ Serv$^{ts}$
ABIJAH B CURTIS Capt$^{n}$
of the 2$^{nd}$ Compy 1$^{st}$ Regt
Infantry State Troops
JOHN BUCKINGHAM Capt
8$^{th}$ Comp 1$^{st}$ *Regt* State Troops

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon 10
[Endorsed] Capt Curtis & others State troops — representation 27. Sept. 1814 — rec$^{d}$ at Sharon 4$^{th}$ Oct — answ$^{d}$ at Hartford 5$^{th}$

## AUGUSTINE TAYLOR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:129]

NEW HAVEN Sep$^{t}$ 27$^{th}$ 1814

*Dear Sir*

I have to Acknowledge the receipt of Your favour of the 22$^{nd}$ Ins$^{t}$ — I have to observe that the officers have waved their Objections to their Men performing duty under Militia officers — I think it a Necessary concession on the part of the Officers, of the State Troops, without it, they Never can be Usefull-in My Oppinion— The Number of Picket Guards, that have been kept up in and about New Haven has required so Many Men as to prevent their being Called out by Reg$^{t}$ or even Battallion. Since My arival here I have Curtailed the Guards So Much as to leave A respectable Command off duty, every day — for improvement, in dissipline — & I trust without weakening the points, where Guards Are Necessary — Notwithstanding the Suggestion that the Troops here have been Neglected in their dissipline I Assure You it has Not been the case Since My Arival, — Col$^{o}$ Sanford has heard it & feels Much hurt. He Says they have Not been Neglected — that they have been attended to constantly — whenever off duty — — Thier performances this day on the *Green* before A large Concourse has been highly Spoken off by All — Col$^{o}$ Sanford is indeed Un-

poppular among the Inhabbitants, as well as the troops — but He attends to his duty & knows it as well as Most officers — — — that the troops in New London are Neglected in their dissipline & I am Not willing to believe I know Col° Brainards feelings too well to believe He would Neglect his Reg^t I have a high oppinion of all the Field officers at that place — they all informed me that they dissiplined their Men that were off duty, daily when Urging them to thier duty in that respect they assured Me that Motives were Not wanting to induce them while there I issued a General Orders to that effect as well as to other Matters respecting the police of the Camp — I also enjoined it on General Lusk — particularly — I am not Surprised that New London Gentry should be disposed to complain — if some of My brother officers at the Eastward could be in Command, things would go well no doubt. I am happy that your Excellency, dont think propper to Send A large force to protect them now thier Idol is to leave them I have heard from Gen^l Lusk by Co^lo Ward that things went well. — I directed him to report to Me weekly — but have Not heard from him — I think possibly his report may have Miscarried — — — — — — — — — We have had difficulties here to encounter Arising from Causes, which I have heretofore Suggested — but I flatter Myself that Order will be Maintained — the refractory officers I believe would be glad to have their past conduct forgotton — — In haste I have (with best respects to M^rs Smith & Family)

the honor to be Your
Excellencys Most Obd^t
Serv^t
AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Governor of the State of Connecticut Sharon

[Endorsed] Major Gen^l Taylor 27^th Sept. 1814 rec^d 30^th & noticed in my letter of that date

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO LEMUEL STORRS

[6:130]

SHARON 29. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

Your letter of the 23rd instant is received but that of the 13th to which you refer has not come to hand —

If the row-guard established at the mouth of the river has been discontinued, it is in direct opposition to orders — I have lost no time, since the receipt of your letter, in communicating positive instructions to the commanding officer on the coast to renew the guard immediately in case a suspension has taken place —

I am Sir respectfully your
obedient & very humble servt

LEML STORRS Esqr
[Endorsed] To Lem1 Storrs Esq.

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JEREMIAH STURGES

[6:131]

SHARON 29. Sept. 1814

*Sir*

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant I have to observe that the law has already provided a forum for deciding the questions to which you refer — Whatever therefore may be my own private opinion upon the subject it would be equally improper and useless for me to express it —

I am Sir respectfully your
obedient & humble servant
J. C. S — —

Capt. JERH STURGES —
[Endorsed] Capt. J. Sturges

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[6:132]

SHARON Sept. 29th 1814

*Dear Sir*

Your favour of the 23rd instant is received — My letter by Major Taylor which must have arrived subsequently to the date of yours will be found to contain my impressions respecting the policy of not intermingling the officers & privates of the two

descriptions of troops under your command — I regret that Col. Sanford was so indiscreet in the mode of carrying your order into effect — but I think, the step being taken, it was expedient to persevere for that particular tour of duty —

On the subject of making examples of the refractory officers it is difficult to advise as I am not sufficiently informed of all the facts — I am clearly no advocate for insubordination — nor in my opinion are inferiour officers to be countenanced at all in interpreting orders — their business is to obey — But you will consider if a court martial is ordered it must be composed of officers of the same corps & the question to be decided *relates to the supposed privileges of that corps* — Under such circumstances the result may be pretty easily predicted — This consideration however should not prevent an attempt at merited punishment if the good of the service requires it — The conduct of these men since the affair happened ought perhaps to have some influence in the case — I am really both disappointed & mortified at the information you give me respecting the colonel — How could every body be so wretchedly deceived in his character — ? — —

The designation of Col. Staples as division inspector is perfectly satisfactory to me — Whether the establishment is sufficiently large for such an officer, unless he visits all the posts may be questioned — But on the subject of compensation he will no doubt do that which is perfectly right —

The selectmen of Middletown have sent me a very respectful and earnest remonstrance against the discontinuance of the *row-guard* in the mouth of the river at Saybrook — Can there be any foundation for their representation? I consider the row guard as the life of that post & it was so mentioned in one of my former letters — I presume therefore it has not been discontinued — but you will be pleased to make immediate inquiry and correct the evil if it has taken place — It is my intention to be at Hartford early in the ensuing week & shall proceed from thence directly to N. Haven at the opening of the session of Assembly — M^rs^ T. & daughter havenot returned — The residue of your

family are well — I rejoice to learn of the improved state of y$^{r}$ health
[Endorsed] To M. Gen$^{l}$ Taylor

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ORCHARD GOULD

[6:133]

SHARON 29. Sept. 1814

*D$^{r}$ Sir* —

I have just received the communication signed by yourself and the other civil authority and the selectmen of Branford enclosing a vote of the town relative to a supply of arms & ammunition —

Orders are this day sent to the Q. M. General to furnish you with further military supplies — That officer will apprize you of the terms & conditions on which the public arms are to be received —

I am D$^{r}$ Sir very sincerely
Your ob$^{t}$ Ser$^{t}$ —
J. C. S —

ORCHARD GOULD Esq$^{r}$
[Endorsed] To Orchard Gould Esq$^{r}$

## PETITION FROM BRANFORD

[6:134]

At a town meeting legally held in Branford by adjournment on the 19 day of Sep$^{t}$ 1814. Voted that the civil authority and selectmen be requested to petition his Excellency the governour for 150 stand of arms 4000 cartridges or materials for the same & 300 flints. A true copy of record

Attest ORCHARD GOULD Town Clerk
BRANFORD Sept 19. 18 [14.]

*Sir*

In conformity with the foregoing resolve of this town we the civil authority and selectmen of the same solicit your Excellency to supply us with the arms and ammunition therein mentioned & request your Excellency to give us information when,

where and on what conditions we may receive them, Your obed$^{t}$ Serv$^{ts}$

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| JAMES GOODRICH<br>JOHN MALTBY<br>ASA NORTON | Selectmen | ORCHARD GOULD<br>JAMES BARKER<br>SOLOMON LINSLEY<br>JOSIAH J. LINSLY | civil authority |

*His Excellency Gov$^{r}$ SMITH*

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire Sharon Conn. 10 Branford C$^{t}$ Sept 19

[Endorsed] Orchard Gould Esq & Selectmen of Branford de arms &c Rec$^{d}$ & answ$^{d}$ 29$^{th}$ Sept. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN MIX

[6:135]

SHARON 29. Sept. 1814 —

*Sir*

The citizens of Branford in town-meeting assembled have petitioned for "150 muskets — 4000 cartridges or materials for making the same and 300 flints" —

You will be pleased to furnish the town with a due proportion of arms (I take it you have already delivered a number for the use of the volunteer company) and also a reasonable quantity of fixed ammunition & flints — The contiguity of that place to New Haven renders it desirable that the supply should be liberal — I trust you are very particular in exacting a compliance with the terms on which the public arms & munitions are to be received —

I am informed by a letter from N. Haven that M$^{r}$ Shipman has for sale two iron 6 pounders which are excellent — They were made in England in 1799 for the ship neptune & are suitable for field or garrison — He will sell the pair with such irons &$^{c}$ as belong to them at 150 dollars — He offers them to the state but has a market for them in N. York — Ought you not to purchase them? If on inspection they answer the foregoing description it is my opinion they ought not to be suffered to go out of the state — Be pleased to write M$^{r}$ Shipman on the subject —

It is my intention to be at Hartford early in the ensuing week when I shall hope for the pleasure of an interview —

I am Dr Sir very sincerely
Your Obt Sert —

Col. Mix — Q. M. G.
[Endorsed] To Col. Mix Q M G 29. Sept. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SETH P. STAPLES

[6:136]

Sharon 29th Sept. 1814

*Dr Sir*

Your favour of the 19th postmarked 26th instant is received — The purchase of iron ordnance was confided to the Q. M. General by the resolve of Assembly — No authority in that respect is delegated to the commander in chief — I have however this day written Col. Mix that in my opinion the guns offered for sale by Mr Shipman should not by any means be suffered to go out of the state, & I have advised him to lose no time in attending to the subject —

I am Dr Sir very sincerely
Your obt sert — —

Col. Staples —
[Endorsed] To Col. Staples

## BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:137]

Branford Septr 30 1814

*His Excellence John C Smith*

*Sir* I would request of your Excellence an answear to the within enclos'd petition as soon as may be convenient I am sir your Respectful and Humble Servant

Benjamin Bartholomew

The petition was for a discharge as private from the 5th comp. 2nd Regt. State troops on the ground of his selling his estate & going out of the state —

Granted him an exemption from duty until further orders — — Sent it enclosed to Gen[l] Taylor 6. Oct 1814 —

[Superscribed] His Excellence JOHN C SMITH Sharon Conn[t] Paid 20

[Endorsed] Benj[n] Bartholomew's application for a discharge private 5. com. 2 Regt. state troops — Branford October 1

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## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM JONES

[6:138]

State of Connecticut
SHARON 30. Sept. 1814

*Sir* —

Your Excellency's communication under date of the 21[st] instant is received, and shall be laid before the legislature of the state at their approaching session — The friendly overture it contains I make no doubt will be readily embraced by that honourable body —

With the highest respect
I have the honour to be Sir
Your Excellency's obedient
and most humble servant
JOHN COTTON SMITH

His Excellency Governour JONES — —

[Endorsed] To Gov[r] Jones —

[6:139] Printed broadside, report of Committee on Protection of State; Henry Campion, Chairman.

[6:140] Resolve of General Assembly that Governor may borrow a sum not exceeding $50,000.

[6:141] Resolve of General Assembly authorizing Governor to purchase 100 tents.

[6:142] Resolve of General Assembly to raise 100 men as Guards on the coast.

[6:143] Resolve of General Assembly that taxes, loans and debts may be receivable in specie.

[6:144] Resolve of General Assembly authorizing Governor to accept services of 100 men to serve at Beacon Hill, East Haven.

[6:145] Resolve of General Assembly protesting bill in Congress to draw on State militia for regular army service.

[6:146] Resolve of General Assembly authorizing Governor to keep in service all men necessary to defence of State.

[6:147] Resolve of General Assembly authorizing Governor to purchase certain military supplies.

[6:148] Resolve of General Assembly authorizing Governor to dispose of old powder and replace with good powder.

## AUGUSTINE TAYLOR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:149]

New Haven Oct^r 1^st 1814 —

*Dear Sir* —

In consequence of Cap^tn Buckinghams indisposition, since he has been here, Col^o Sanford has but two Captains, for duty — — He feels himself Unpleasantly Situated, being destitute of a Major & but two Captains — He is very desirous that Capt^n Chittenden, whose Company are here, should be detached to command them I think it might be well, a deficiency of [go]od Officers, is sensibly felt — My *Aids* will assist Col^o Sanford Occasionally, which May Supersceed the Necessity, of a Majors being detailed — — — — — — — — — — — — — I yesterday returned from Black Rock the Inhabbitants, have built, A handsom Small Fort — which from its commanding Situation will effectually protect, that harbour, & even Bridgeport — the fine harbour at black rock will afford a refuge, for our Coasting Vessels that can run in at any time of tide — — The Committee of defence have Obtaind an Order, from the Secretary at war, for three 24^lb Iron pieces, to be brought from New York — — the fort at Bridgeport is compleated and the guns *Mounted,* but they are destitute of ammunition I have this day written to Col^o Mix for A Supply of ball, of different Sizes, — if (As I fear) their is Not a Supply of large Shot on hand, in this State, it will be highly Necessary, that A Supply, be obtained

without delay — I have been informed their Are No[ne] larger (or very few) than 6lb ball — — — Captn Northrop has agreed to Spare 3 or 4 — 18 Iron pieces for the New fort *here* — which will be Mounted in A few days — — — — — — —
I have been this afternoon, down on Oyster point, to wittness, Major Shermans Battallion, fireing, at a *target* they fired Several Shots with great presicion — — Major Sherman is an excellent officer, I have No trouble from that Corps, they have conducted themselves with great propriety, in general — — — — three of the enemies Armed Vessels have passed up, by this Town, in the course of the day — which has Occasioned some Slight Alarm Signal, this Morning, A Ship at the Eastward

I have the honour to be with sincere
Respect, Your Obdt Servt —
AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Governor of the State of Connecticut Sharon
[Endorsed] Major Genl Taylor 1. Oct. 1814 —

## AUGUSTINE TAYLOR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:150]

NEW HAVEN Octr 2 1814

*Dear Sir* —

I find the Guard of two Subaltern officers & fifty Men, are to be relieved the 9th Instt. As their time of Service expires then, will their be A New detachment for thier relief or are they to be Supplied from Colo Sanfords *Regt* I think of leaving this for New London this week to vissit that & the intermediate posts — — Genl Lusk has Neglected to report to Me weekly, as was ordered. I have Accidentally learned that he was absent on a vissit to his family — — — — — — three or four Enemy's Armed Vessels, Are Cruising up & down Sound likely for the purpose of Obtaining Supplies — —

with Respects to Mrs Smith & Family
I am in haste verry respectfully Your
Humble servt
AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Govenor of the State of Connecticut Sharon
[Endorsed] Major Gen[l] Taylor 2. Oct. 1814 —

## ENOCH FOOTE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:151]

BRIDGEPORT october 2[d] — 1814

*Dear Sir*

I am under the painfull nessesity to Trouble your Excellency with another Letter informing you of my Calling out a Small portion of the Militia for the protection of this place and likewise of the information from Liut Col Burr of the 4[th] Regt that he has ordered out a few for the defence of Blackrock & Fairfield Likewise Cap[t] porter of the 1[st] Company in the 28[th] Reg[t] that he has Called out for protection of Stratford a few men at these 3 places the militia has ben Caled on at the Same time by three diferant Commands unknown to each other which I hope will be some evidence to your Excellency that it was not a rash mesure or without fourthought the principal Inhabitance in the three Cases have ben Consulted and in the Case of my Call for the Militia it was put of until I was Much Sensured by a number of Repectable Citizens and some officers — but at Last was Compeled to yeld to the wishes of the Inhabatance and my own mind and isue orders to four Companys — at 12 oclock on Fryday night — altho at midnight I ordered the guns fired and the Companys Scaterd over a Space of 6 miles Squair at day Light I had under arms Comeplat equit out of 3 Compays 150 men and at 9 oclock about 200 in all the Inhatence to appearance then felt Safe altho the enemy was Very near — — — — the perpertors of what part to induce this Call of the Militia is as folows — —at 8 oclock on fryday morning I had information of Several Ships being in Sight standing west near the north Shore at 9 one Ship apeared about 5 Miles from the Land (wind Light) She past this harbour about 1 and a half mils and Came to anchor 4 Barges Could be plainly Seen abot her at about 3 oclock P M — a heavy Brig appeared and at dusk Came to anchor a little east of the Ship with two Barges both

out about 4 or 5 miles — news also arrived that Severil Ships ware Stil east Standing west a heavy fireing was heard at appearance of Newhavn the Inhabitance presing me on all Sides to alarrum and Call in the Militia but I refused — I then Isued orders to the Cap[t] of the Guard to "[able?] his Sentinals and extend them to Black rock" wach Close and give information to me of any hostile opperations — at 11 oclock I Sent to no of the Capt how maters stood at 12 the mesenger returnd with information from the Captain that the Ship and Brig was under Short Sail Standing direct for Bridgeport with a Sloop Just a head — I then Consoled Coll Burrit and 2 or 3 prinsipal gentlmen of this place who unanimously gave it as their wish that help might be had imedealy at this time all the inhabence was in arms geting away famyles and property — — — I then orderd an alarrum which produced the before mentiond force at day Light the Ships ware at anchor about 8 miles out as they imedialy hove about and Stod of when the alarrum guns ware fired — — this is Sunday at 10 oclock the Ships disapeard Last [night] information is given this moment that 3 Barg[es ] last night at Charles' Isleand 4 miles east of this of Course the enemy has gone east again but as it is Sunday and all in a hussel I have dismist the Men til 5 oclock today — I Shall be under nesesety to keep them til tomorro morning on acct of pay— — Muster & Receit Rolles must be made as they must have attention paid to such things or they will not turn out when it is nessesary I think thier is no dispute but I Can dismis the men in the morning — depend Sir I will act in this Case with as much prudanc as I am Capable of I am Sensable of the expence I am Sensable of the dificultys the state have to incounter in regard to the United States in such Cases — and My best Judgement shall be imployed in this and all other similar Cases — — I did not Send an Express as the Mail goes to the north ward to day and will Save the expence and in my oppinion without injury to the State I hope your Excellency will approve of my Conduct which will be to me a grate pleasure — — I am with Esteam your obent Servt

Enoch Foote

his Exelleny J C SMITH Esqr — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Eqr Sharon 10

[Endorsed] B. Gen[l] Foote — 2. Oct. 1814 de alarm at Bridgeport & call of militia —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ABIJAH B. CURTIS AND JOHN BUCKINGHAM

[6:152]

HARTFORD 5. Oct. 1814

*Gentlemen* —

Your communication was received at the moment of my departure for this city, I avail myself of the first conveyance since my arival to briefly notice its contents —

The alarm at N. Haven rendered it necessary to call in such troops for its defence as were at once the most *efficient* and the most easily obtained — Your companies combined in an eminent degree these two objects —

I regretted extremely the occasion which summoned you into the field, and you will do me the justice to believe that if under the circumstances of the case any other course could with equal propriety have been adopted I should readily have embraced it — — — — It is my determination to relieve you from duty as speedily as possible — The Gen[l] Assembly will be in session the ensuing week — Should that Honourable body resolve to discontinue the guards on the coast you will be discharged of course — If it is their pleasure to retain the present arrangement you shall be Succeeded by other troops without a moment's unnessary delay — In either case therefore your return to your families cannot be very distant — After this explanation gentlemen I trust your patience and that of the officers & men under your command will not be less conspicuous than the zeal & fidelity which have already secured for you a fair title to the gratitude of your country —

I am Gentlemen respectfully
your ob[t] & hm. ser[t] —

Capt Curtiss & Capt Buckingham
now in service at N. Haven
[Endorsed] To Capt. Curtis &c—

## SETH P. STAPLES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:153]

New Haven Oct 8th 1814

*To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr*

*Sir,*

Our fort on Beacon Hill is nearly completed & is a very strong work — But we found ourselves without gunns — By letting the Commander of fort Hale have a 6 pounder to cover his gate way he agreed to let us have 3-18 bs to put into our fort; also agreed to let us have a small supply of Ball till we could get a supply — We have got the guns, repaired the Carriages & put them in the fort — The only 6 pounder out of use is the one which W L Bradly had just mounted — a wrought Iron piece. I have sent it to the fort for a few days till one of the gunns purchased of Mr Shipman is mounted by Mr Bradly on a cheap Carriage — when the Commander of fort Hal will expect the gun — till he can get supplied from the Secretary of war — It had become absolutely necessary to have some heavy ordnance on our forts & as I kew the State had none I tho't this the only mode of getting any. If we have an attack this season it will be within thirty days probably ;& we want exceedingly the 6 pounder just mounted by Mr Bradly — I had rather have one 6 pounder than a company of Malitia — If however your Excellency should think it necessary to order it away the 6 pounder alluded to will be ready in a few days — Mr Bradly thinks the peice had of Mr Shipman will be ready next week — At the request of Mr Mix I proved the pieces owned by Mr Shipman — one burst — the other is good & I understand is purchased — I hope your Excellency will approve of what has been done With great respect I remain

Your Hb Sert
S. P. Staples

N. B. I should not have ventured to hav orderd the 6 pounder to the Fort without consulting your Ex$^{y}$ direction, but found it necessary or remain with Guns & ammunition after expending so much for a Fort — S. P. S.

[Superscribed] To His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford Connt —

[Endorsed] Col. S. P. Staples — 8. Oct. 1814 rec$^{d}$ 10$^{th}$ — —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CHARLES P. HUNTINGTON AND OTHERS

[6:154]

HARTFORD 9. Oct. 1814

*Gentlemen* —

Your communication enclosing the resolutions of the town of Norwich failed of a direct conveyance and reached me by a Northern mail just before my departure for this place —

As the Gen$^{l}$ Assembly will open its session in a few days I feel it my duty to consult that Honourable body on the subject of your application — In the mean time I have ordered the Q. M. General to send you a fresh supply of ammunition That officer informs me had already forwarded an additional number of fire-arms — I should be personally gratified in granting your entire request

With earnest wishes for the safety of the town & for the return of its prosperity I have the

honour to be Gentlemen your obedient
& humble ser$^{t}$ —
J. C. S.

CH$^{S}$ P. HUNTINGTON Esq. & others Selectmen of Norwich — —

[Endorsed] To Selectmen of Norwich — 9. Oct. 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SETH P. STAPLES

[6:155]

HARTFORD 10 Oct 1814

*D$^{r}$ Sir*

I have just received your letter of the 8$^{th}$ instant — The Q. M.

General informed me a few days since he had agreed to let the 6 pounder you mention go to middletown — but I presume there can be no objection to its remaining where you have placed it until the other can be mounted — And it is my desire that such be the arrangement —

I am D^r^ Sir respectfully your
ob^t^ ser^t^

[Endorsed] To Col. Staples — 10. Oct. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JAMES MONROE

[6:156]

The Governour of Connecticut will thank the Secretary of war to inform him whether his communications under date of the 3^rd^ & 14^th^ September last have been received at the war-department?

HARTFORD 10. October 1814 —

[Endorsed] To the Secretary of war — 10. Oct. 1814 —

## LEVI LUSK TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:157]

NEW LONDON Oct 11^th^ 1814

*His Excellency John C. Smith Esq^r^*

*Sir*

Since the date of my last communication to your Excellency no important change has been made in the station of the troops which I have had the honour to command. The sixth & seventh days of instant Oct I spent in reconnoitering the coast from Groton to Stonington and in examining the defences and the situation of the troops at the latter place. On my return I found Maj^r^ Gen Taylor at New London on his way to Stonington and on his departure on the morning of the 8^th^ I concluded, after making the necessary arrangements to proceed along the coast to Saybrook & Killingworth. At all the stations I found the detachments well regulated and disciplined.

On my return to New London on the 11^th^ instant I found Gen Taylor there, who demanded the cause of my going to Saybrook

I informed him that I had been induced to do it on account of frequent applications to me from Capt Johnson as well as from a sense of duty which called me to inspect as far as possible the situation of all the troops belonging to my Brigade. Gen Taylor replied that Capt Johnson's detachment was not under my command and that I had no business to visit it. He then informed me that he had discharged me and the same day I received a discharge from him, and shall leave town tomorrow.

On this subject as it is one that concerns me personally I shall not at this time trouble your Excellency with many remarks. I was publickly blamed during my absence from N London and accused of conducting improperly in going to Saybrook. I was reproached on the same grounds when I returned. The records of the Brigade will show whether the stations at Saybrook & Killingworth were at this time under my command.

The reason assigned in the discharge was the small number of troops under my command. The number however is the same that it has been for some weeks past.

To have been discharged from service would of itself have been agreeable to me but under the circumstances attending it, I hope to be excused when I say that I consider it intended by Gen Taylor as a mark of disgrace.

This is certainly the manner in which the troops at this place view the subject

Had I been arrested by Gen Taylor for the cause for which he has publickly blamed me, my vindication might have been equally public. In the course which he has thought proper to take I can only appeal to your Excellency to decide upon the propriety of my conduct. It is certainly in a high degree painful to me after the uncommon perplexities which have attended me during my late campaign to be obliged to retire with unmerited disgrace

I am Sir with the greatest respect
and esteem your Excellency's most
obliged and humble servt
LEVI LUSK

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esq$^{r}$ Governor of Connecticut New Haven Wethersfield C$^{on}$ 14$^{th}$ Oc$^{t}$ —

[Endorsed] Brig$^{r}$ Gen$^{l}$ L. Lusk 14. Oct. 1814 rec$^{d}$ 15 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[6:158]

New Haven 14$^{th}$ Oct. 1814

*Major Goddard*

*Paymaster General of the State of Connecticut*

*Sir*

You are directed to pay the small detachment of militia the wages due them called out by Brigadier General Foote at the alarm in Bridgeport on the 2$^{nd}$ instant, taking the same evidences of payment as have been heretofore directed —

John Cotton Smith

[Endorsed] Order to pay detachment in Bridgeport — on alarm — 14. Oct. 1814.

## ORDERS TO THE HORSE AND FOOT GUARDS

[6:159]

State of Connecticut —

*To the Major Commandant of the first company of Governour's foot guards —*

You are hereby directed to assist the sheriff of the County of Hartford with the force under your command when thereunto requested by him in those cases wherein by law he may require military aid in executing the duties of his office —

Given under my hand at Hartford
the 11$^{th}$ day of October AD 1814 —

J. C. S —
Capt. Gen$^{l}$

The like order to the Com$^{t}$ of the 1 comp. Horse guards —

[Endorsed] Orders to the Horse & foot guards — 11. Oct. 1814 — Copy — —

## HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[6:160]

New Haven Oct$^{r}$ 14$^{th}$ 1814

*His Excellency*
*John Cotton Smith Sir*

In obedience to your Excellency request I have made an estimate of the amount necessary to pay the Field, Staff, Commissioned & non commissioned officers & privates now on duty calculating the term of service at Sixty days, The Field & Commissioned officers in the vicinity of New London

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| will amount to — — — — | $7,121.96 |
| The non commissioned officers & Privates — — — — — | 19,481.80 |
| The Field & Commissioned officers in the vicinity of New Haven | 3,805.84 |
| The non commissioned officers & Privates | 14,396 — — — |
| | $44,805.60 |

In the above estimate your Excellency will observe that I have made no estimate on the pay for the travel to which the officers, & Soldiers may be entitled. And I would also observe that the sums may not be perfectly accurate, no official documents having been returned to the Paymaster's department whereon I could make an accurate estimate The above is made from the last evidence which I could obtain & will probably fall short of the Actual Amount exclusive of travel — — — that will probably amount to near two thousand Dollars — — I have the honor to be with the highest respect your most obedient

Humble Servant
HEZ. GODDARD
Pay Master Gen[l]

[Endorsed] Estimate of the Pay to the militia now on duty Oc[t] 14[th] 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[7:1]

NEW HAVEN 14. Oct. 1814

*Major General Augustine Taylor*
*Sir*

You are hereby directed to order into immediate service the

regiment of militia detached from the fourth division under the General orders of the 28th july last to be stationed at New London and the adjacent points; for the purpose of relieving the militia now on duty at those posts — If in forming the detachment any individuals have been included who performed a tour of duty at New London the last year or at New Haven the present year they are to be excused & others returned in their stead —

By order of the Commander in chief —

[Endorsed] Orders to Gen[l] Taylor 14. Oct. 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM M. BETTS

[7:2]

New Haven 15. Oct. 1814

*Sir*

Your favour of the 5th instant addressed to me at Sharon has been forwarded to this place — The Association it enclosed is approved, and an order has been issued to Brigadier General Foote to lead the company to a choice of the necessary officers — —

I am Sir respectfully your
very obedient servant

W[M] M. Betts Esq[r] —

[Endorsed] W. M. Betts Esq[r] 15. Oct. 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA COLT

[7:3]

New Haven Oct. 15. 1814

*Elisha Colt Esquire*
*Comptroller of public accounts* —

*Sir*

Be pleased to draw on the treasurer in favour of Major H. Goddard pay Master general for such sums as he shall require for the public service not exceeding forty thousand dollars in the whole for which he is to account with you —

John Cotton Smith

Copy

[Endorsed] Order on Compt^r for P. M. General — $40,000 — — 15. Oct. 1814 —

## TIMOTHY PLANT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:4]

New Haven Octo^r 14^th 1814

*Sir,*

I beg leave to inform Your Excellency that I have faithfully performed military duty for the term of twenty six years. During the last twenty years I have been a member of the 2^d Company of Govenors Foot Guards, an I now have the honour to hold a commission of 3^d Lieutenant in the same. I still retain a strong attachment to the Company; but I am now considrably advanced in years and my health has become so much impaired that I am too feeble to indure the fatigues of military duty — — I am therefore induced to tender this my resignation and hope Your Excellency will accept the same — —

I am very respectfully
Your Excellency's
Obed. Ser^t
Timothy Plant —

His Excellency
John C Smith — —
[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith New Haven
[Endorsed] L^t Tim^o Plant of Gov^r guards 2d. comp. rec^d 15^th Oct. 1814 Accepted & order issued 27^th Oct. 1814

## JIRAH ISHAM TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:5]

New London May 16^th 1814

*His Excellency Gov^r Smith,*

*Sir,*

In obedience to Orders from your Excellency, through the Adjutant General directing "suitable signals on the Coast to assemble the troops with the least possible delay",— — I have ordered Signal Poles to be erected in all the Regiments through-

out my Brigade, some of which are completed. — — — The best arrangements for communicating an alarm, which could be expected, from the entire novelty of the subject to me & my Officers, have been made — — —
— — — — This is accomplishing with a strict regard to economy, still the expence will unavoidably be very considerable. — — As the *General* Orders did not provide for these expences, I have directed the work to be done & the necessary articles furnished *at the expence of the State*
— — — — When the Q$^{r}$ M$^{r}$ General was last at New London, which was soon after I received the Order, I enquired whether he was advised as to the payment of these expences. — — — He replied that he had received no instructions on the subject — — — — Will your Excellency please to advise me on this subject or direct the Q$^{r}$ M$^{r}$ General to adjust & pay the Bills as my Officers must advance the Money in the first instance & will be calling for remunerations. — — — — — — — We have nothing new or interesting here to communicate to your Excellency — — — We are at present quiet & we trust safe — — —

With great respect & esteem
Your Excellency's
Obed$^{t}$ Serv$^{t}$
JIRAH ISHAM

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Hartford
[Endorsed] B. Gen$^{l}$ Isham 16. May 1814 de signals —

## TIMOTHY BISHOP TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:6]

NEW HAVEN October 17$^{th}$ 1814

The subscriber has the honor to hold, from your Excellency, a Commission of first Lieutenant in the second Company of your Foot Guards, and requests your Acceptance of his resignation — — —

Perhaps it would be unnecessary to state to your Ex$^{y}$ the reasons which induce me to make this request — — — suffice it to say, that I have served in said Com$^{y}$ for 13 Years, and, about

half that time, have held a commission — — — — I frankly confess to your Ex$^{y}$, that I am deficient in that military spirit which ought to animate the soldier at such a time as the present — and, without adverting to any personal disabilities, I feel that, another may be found to fill my station, more competent to discharge the duties of the office of first Lieutenant — — — — —

I have the honor to be

very respectfully

Y$^{r}$ Ex$^{y'}$ most Obed$^{t}$ H$^{bl}$ S$^{t}$

TIMOTHY BISHOP

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq
Captain General — — — — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Capt General S$^{t}$ C$^{t}$ New Haven

[Endorsed] Lieut. Tim$^{o}$ Bishop's resignation — 2. Foot Guards not accepted

## AMOS HUNT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:7]

CANAAN Oct$^{r}$ 17$^{th}$ 1814

*To his Excellency John C. Smith Esq$^{r}$*

*Captain General of the State of Connecticut*

*Sir,*

Having had the honour of being appointed Cap$^{t}$ of the 3$^{rd}$ Company in the 1s$^{t}$ Reg$^{t}$ of *S. Troops,* & having Served some time in that place, & at the same time holding a Commission in the *Militia,* which I cannot easily dispose of, I find it incompatible to serve in both places, I therefore pray your Excellency to accept this my resignation in the S, Troops — — —

I remain very respectfully

Your Obbedient Serv$^{t}$

AMOS HUNT

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esq$^{r}$ Sharon Con$^{t}$

[Endorsed] Capt. Amos Hunt's Resignation — State troops — Oct. 1814 — Accepted by advice of council 21. Oct. 1814

## WILLIAM STANLEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:8]

New Haven Oct$^{r}$ 17$^{th}$ 1814

*His Exellency John C Smith*

*Sir*

I must by permission of your Excellency resign my Commission of Major in the Battalion of State Artillery. At the present time this step is peculiarly painfull to me & nothing but the most cogent reasons would compell me to it; but your Excellency will perceive by the accompanying Certificate that such is the state of my health that I can no longer hold my Office with safty to myself or advantage to the servise

I have the honour to be your Exellency
most Humble & most Ob$^{t}$ Servant
W$^{M}$ Stanley

His Exelency J C Smith

[Superscribed] His Exellency John C Smith New Haven

[Endorsed] Major Stanley's Resignation — rec$^{d}$ 17. Oct. 1814

Accepted by advice of the council on said day —

New Haven Oct$^{r}$ 17$^{th}$ 1814

I hereby certify that Major Will$^{m}$ Stanleys health is such that he is unable to do Military duty

Obad$^{H}$ Hotchkiss
Tim$^{Y}$ W Beers Srg$^{n}$ Mll

## EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:9]

Norwich 17$^{th}$ Octo$^{r}$ 1814

*His Excellency Governour Smith*

*My dear sir*

By mail on friday I wrote your Excellency that I would forward my returns this week, if I should receive the necessary materials to complete them — — —

Not having rec$^{d}$ any returns since friday, I send a return shewing the strength of six brigades, requesting your Excellency,

will at the close of the session return it, that I may forward a complete sett for your information — —

I recapitulate the returns wanted to enable me to complete *all* the returns wanted for your Excellency — —

No inspection return of artillery from the 2d brigade & one regiment *not included* in the Brigade returns — — — no inspection return of Artillery from the 4th brigade — — — no returns from the 7th brigade — — — & no inspection return of artillery, nor of one company of Cavalry in the 8th brigade — —

Presuming the inspection returns of Cavalry & artillery will be wanted for the use of the honorable legislature & their committees — I shall endeavour to complete a general statement as soon as possible — — — — I have written to the brigadiers who neglected to make complete returns in due season *viz* the 10th at which time I ought to have received them complete Accompanying the returns from the second brigade, the inspectors letters informed me the return of one regiment not being recd in season, was the cause of its omission — — — Gen1 Smith of the eighth wrote me regretting the incomplete state of his returns — — one company of cavalry having omitted to forward their returns, the artillery claimed an exemption *by custom.* I apprehend the custom meant *the custom* of neglect by Gen1 Smiths *predecessor,* not *my custom* in not calling for such a return — — —

I am very respectfully
& sincerely yours
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Gov SMITH
[Endorsed] Adjutant General 17. Oct. 1814

## JOHN L. TOMLINSON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:10]

Oyster Point Cantonment NEW HAVEN
October 18th 1814

*His Excellency John C. Smith*
*Commander in Chief &c.*

*Sir*

At the first organisation of the detachm$^{t}$ now in service at this place a question arose relative to the proper place of State Troops when on parade with Militia. It was my misfortune, commanding the Third Company Artillery State Troops not only on account of my own personal feelings, but also on account of the precedent the case seemed to establish, to be obliged to ask a decision of it. Unwilling that the public service should suffer any impediment in times like these, the direction of Col. Sanford was requested. He informed me that he had requested your Excellency's opinion upon the case, which he had taken care to state in full. I have called often upon Col. Sanford for your Excellency's decision, but have not been able to obtain it. I trust your Excellency will appreciate the motives, which have induced a compromise of claims like these for such a lenght of time & will believe the importance of the question a sufficient apology for making this address, & requesting a communication of your Excellency's pleasure upon it.

With great Respect
I have the honor to be
your Excellency's very
Obed$^{t}$ & faithful Ser$^{t}$
JOHN L TOMLINSON Lieu$^{t}$ Comman$^{dg}$
3$^{rd}$ Com$^{py}$ State Artillery

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH New Haven
[Endorsed] Lieut. Tomlinson State Artillery the rank &c

## JAMES MUNROE TO JNO CHAFFEE

[7:11]

War department Oct$^{o}$ 19$^{th}$ 1814

*Sir,* you will deliver to Capt Gould Jinnings or the Committee of defence for fairfield and Black Rock in Conn$^{t}$ — — — the two 18 pounders and the two Six pounders referred to in your letter of the Sixth Ins$^{t}$ with all the Necessary Equipments

and harness — complete for field Service — — — — am sir very Respectfully

Your Obedient
Srt
JAMES MUNROE

A Copy — — —
JNO CHAFFEE Esq^r
Military Store Keeper
Springfield — — —

## JAMES MUNROE TO E. TYLER

War department Oct^o 19^th 1814

*Sir*—you will deliver to the Order of Capt^n Gould Jennings Or the Com^te of defence for Fairfield & Black Rock fifty Rounds of fixed ammunition for Each Gun — Ordered to that place Viz — two 18 pounders & two Six pounders — with Such implements as may be wanting to render them fit for service — — am sir very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant
A Copy — — —
JAMES MUNROE

Cap^n E TYLER or
Senior Officer of the
Ordinance department
New York

[Endorsed] copy of orders from war office — — —

## LUTHER BRADLEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:12]

NEW HAVEN Oc^t 20— 1814 —

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith*

*Sir* I have the honor to Informe your Excellency that I have ben a Member of the Second Company of Govenors Foot Guards Twenty one years — and have Served Nine years as a Commissioned Officer. In S^d Guards — and have had the Honor to Command the Company Four Years and beleiveing that the

Intrist of the Company Under its presant Organization Requires Frequent Changes in their Commanders I tharefore beg leave to tender your — Excellency My Resignation

Respectfuly your Excellencys Ob$^{t}$ Serv$^{t}$

LUTHER BRADLEY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH New Haven

[Endorsed] Major Bradley's Resignation — Oct. 1814 Not accepted —

## ELIOT PALMER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:13]

*His Excellency John C. Smith Esq. Cap$^{t}$ General and commander in chief of the State of Connecticut*

*Sir*

your Petitioner having served in the Militia of this state for twenty three years and for about ten years held a Commission — but having a sikly feble family to support by my day labour; together with the ordinary Expence attending the Military business as an officer, I consider myself unable to support the rank I hold without injury to my family; I therefour would pray your Excellency to grant me a discharge from Military duty — my Colonel being absent on a tour of duty I have no opportunity of seeing him to get his approbation, but have that of Co$^{l}$ Libeus P Tinker's to whom with Maj$^{r}$ Frances McLean I applied to State my case to your excellency [torn] the same time I do not think of deserting the cause of my [coun]try or my native state in particular — but feell willing to arm my self and step forward and join the volunteer Corps in the defence of my Country in any Extrardinary imergency

I remain verry respectfully your
Excellency's Obedient Serv$^{t}$
ELIOT PALMER Lieu$^{t}$ 7$^{th}$ Company
in 19 Reg$^{t}$ — — — — —

VERNON
October 20$^{th}$ 1814

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esqr Cap$^{t}$ Gin-

eral of the State of Conecticut Newhaven Care of P Talcott Esqr Vernon C^t 22 Oc^t Paid 10

[Endorsed] L^t Elliott Palmer's application for a discharge — —

## LEWIS B. STURGES TO GOULD JENNINGS

[7:14]

WASHINGTON October 20. 1814

*Dear Sir*

I again yesterday called at War office to know whether the Guns had been forwarded to you from Springfield & found that a Letter was the day before yesterday rec^d from Mr Chaffee Military Store keeper there informing the War department that they were mistaken as to the kind of Guns there — & of course did not think to send any untill further orders. I immediately accepted the proposition to receive in lieu thereof two 18 pounders & two brass Sixes — the Secretary of war has accordingly delivered to me the within order. and also one on the Senior officer of the ordinance department at NewYork for ammunition & all other implements necessary. There can be no further difficulty in the business if you will take the trouble of sending for them which I think you had better do to prevent any further delay I should suppose our State will not hesitate to pay the Expence. It appears to me that the alteration will answer all your purposes Your Friend

LEWIS B STURGES

I was told at the War office there might be some difficulty in M^r Chaffee's sending them I think one of the Committee had better go both to Sprinfield & Newyork to superintend the business & inspect the Guns & ammunition that there may be no disappointment —

The Guns &c will undoubtedly be delivered to you as soon as your present the order — —

I suppose Cap^t W. Thorp your Chairman is at New Haven which is the reason why I have written to you — —

[Superscribed] Capt GOULD JENNINGS Fairfield Connecticut — — Free Lewis B Sturges

[Endorsed] Hon. M^r Sturges to Capt. Jennings

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA COLT

[7:15]

New Haven 21. October 1814

*Elisha Colt Esquire*
*Comptroller of public accounts*

*Sir*

Be pleased to draw on the treasurer in favour of Col. James Ward Commissary General for such sums as he shall require for the public service not exceeding in the whole Six thousand dollars, for which he is to account with you —

John Cotton Smith —

[Endorsed] Order on Comp$^{r}$ 21. Oct. 1814 — $6000—

## JOSEPH TRUMBULL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:16]

Hartford Oct$^{r}$ 22$^{d}$ 1814

*My Dear Sir*

Your Excellency was good en$^{o}$ some month since, to propose that I should become a Notary Public. I then suggested that it might be disagreeable to M$^{r}$ Dwight, & M$^{r}$ Perkins; but as M$^{r}$ Dwight proposes to remove out of the State it may be presumed he will now feel no objection —

I have been solicited by several persons, particularly by some of the officers of Hartford Bank, to become a notary, & I have consented to request the appointment —

If your Excellency will please to constitute me a Notary Public I shall feel myself obliged — —

With much respect & affection

your obed$^{t}$ Servant
Jos. Trumbull

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith New Haven 8

[Endorsed] Col. Jos. Trumbull de Notary Public —

## CHARLES H. POND TO DAVID HUMPHREYS

[7:17]

MILFORD 22d Octr 1814

*Genl David Humphreys*

*sir*

This will be handed you by Captn Hitchcox of Milford, Commander of the Artillery company of volunteer Exempts which has lately been raised in this Town.

Captn Hitchcox will request you, sir, in behalf of the Company to use your influence with Govenor Smith to procure for us a suitable cannon mounted on *a field carriage*. The Quarter Master Genl has directed two 9 pounders to be mounted in this Town on *ship carriages;* (the only cannon in the place) which are to be placed in the Fort. But the Compy consider guns mounted on *ship carriages* & placed in a fort as of small importance compared with a gun mounted on a *field carriage,* & in this opinion we think, sir, you will concur for the following reasons—Viz. — —

In the first place, we consider guns mounted on ship carriages as stationary, when placed in a fort, & of course of little use without the reach of the fort.

Secondly — — The situation of our harbor is such that an enemy may land at different places out of the reach of the fort & as our two 9 pounders are stationery we should be unable to annoy him in his approach to the Town. &

Thirdly — — We think we ought to be furnished with a piece on a field carriage because there is none belonging to the Town mounted in this way & in case of need the Town would have to look to New Haven, Derby or Bridgeport for assistance. Besides, sir, should the enemy attempt to visit the neighbouring Towns for the purpose of destroying manifactories of any kind, which appear to attract his particular attention; we should not be able to render that assistance which we willingly would were we provided with ordnance on a field carriage.

These are among the considerations which induced us to request you, sir, to interpose with his Excellency the Captain Genl in our behalf.

Capt. Hitchcox will also inform you that the greater part of his Compy will volunteer for the defence of this Town to be employed on the same terms as the guards in the neighbouring Towns.

I am, Sir, with sentiments of great respect for myself & in behalf of the Compy's Your most Obt & very humble Servant

CHS H. POND, Clk of Compy

To Gen[l] DAVID HUMPHREYS

[Superscribed] Gen[l] DAVID HUMPHREYS New Haven

[Endorsed] Letter to Gen[l] Humphreys from Milford — de mounting a piece of ordnance on a field carriage —

## CANDIDATES FOR 1ST REGT. STATE TROOPS

[7:18]

2[nd] Company 1[st] Reg[t] State Troops

Cap[t] Abijah B Curtis

1[st] Lieu[t] Joseph Tousey ap[d]

2 Do Carlos G Curtis ap[d]

Ensign John Beers ap[d]

1[st] Serg[t] Philo Mills Wooster ap[d]

Dated NEW HAVEN Oc[tr] 22[nd] AD 1814

TIM[O] SHEPARD Co[l]

[Endorsed] Nomination of candidates in 1. Reg[t] State troops

## ANDREW KINGSBURY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:19]

Treasury Office HARTFORD October 24 1814

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire*

*Sir*

I have been informed that thire has been some uneasiness excited in the minds of some of the members of the Legislature & others in New Haven from impressions made that I am paying from the Treasury the bills of such banks as I have or do not receive for debts due to the State —

I have therefore thought proper to state to your Excellency,

and through you to the Honorable Legislature now in session, should you deem it proper to lay this letter before them That about $15,000 of the Interest on the School fund Bonds, & nearly all the principal on said Bonds amounting to about $30,000 — — was paid into the Treasury in all kinds of Bank bills current in Connecticut before the Banks in New York [c]eased to pay Specie for theirs — — the amount of which was placed to the Credit of the State on the books of the Hartford Bank — — after those Banks had stopped payment and on the 5th of September I received through the post office inclosed in letters from Agents for collecting Interest or Selling lands in the Counties of Ontario and Genese in the State of New York $2058 and soon after from individuals several small Sums and on the 1st of October from one of said agents $660 all in the bills of the Banks of State of New York or pensylvania which sums I lodged in Hartford Bank for safe keeping; the Bank then and Still declining to receive such bills in payment or as deposit I have since receved sundry letters from the States of New York & Massachusetts and Some from this State containing bills of the banks of New York and those payable in New York forwarded for the payment of Interest on School fund bonds, these bills I held by direction of the Commissioner of the School fund untill I found an oppertunity to pass them, at which times I gave credit for there several amounts to those for whom they were forwarded; I have now some such letters in the Treasury the contents of which I shall pay out whenever oppertunities offer. I have endeavoured to pay out for demands on the Treasury such bills as I had receved, of those banks which have stopped payment whenever those who had claims was willing to receive them

The payments to School Societies have been as follows — — — In the Counties of Hartford, Windham Litchfield & Tolland & the nothern part of Fairfield County principally in the bills of Hartford Bank In the County of New Haven, the Bills of New Haven & Derby Banks In New London & Middlesex Counties the bills of New London & Norwich Banks; and in the Southern part of Fairfield County the bills of Bridgport

Bank — — — To H Goddard Esq$^{r}$ Pay Master General on his order dated the 17$^{th}$ Instant

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| In bills of | Hartford | Bank | $25000.—— |
| "——— | Norwich — — " — — — | | 2000——— |
| "——— | Bridgport — — " — — — | | 7000 |
| and in New York bills which were borrowed of the Phoenix bank | | | 7000—— |
| | | | $41000.—— |
| The amount paid to the Pay M Gen$^{l}$ from april to septem$^{r}$ 1814 all in Hartford bills was | | | 30,000 |
| | | | $71,000,—— |
| during the same time there has been paid to J Mix Esq Q M G | | | 22,275.—— |
| & to J Ward Esqr Coms$^{y}$ General | | | 20,000 |
| | | | $113,275.—— |

as these two last sums were paid at the Treasury by checks on the Hartford Bank I cannot say what was received for them— — my endeavour has been to accomodate those who paid money in, or received it out of the Treasury so far as I conceived it to be for the Interest of the State, but have beleived it to be my duty not to receive the bills of those banks who have stopped payment, excepting in the cases before mentioned, knowing that if the Treasury was open to the receipt of all the Bills of Banks from Pensylvania eastward none would be offered in payment but those which were the least current, and selling for money at the greatest discount.

I have received letters from many of the Collectors of the State Tax enquiring what will be received in discharge of the demands against them and Stating their difficulties in making collections in bills that are payable in this State, and have given them for answer that I will receive of them in payment the bills of any banks that I can deposit to the Credit of the State in the Hartford Bank where I have been directed by Resolve of

Assembly to make my deposits, this does not remove their uncertainty of what to receive on their Tax bills — — — — If the Honorable Legislature can adopt any measure that will ficilitate the collection & payment into the Treasury the Tax and the Interest on the School funds Bonds it will be a great relief to the collectors and an accomodation to those who have to make such payments — — —

If those payments into the Treasury are made in bank bills that are Selling at a discount in the neighbourhood of the Banks from whence they were issued— they must be paid to those who are creditors to the State or sold for what they will fetch in money to discharge those demands —

The bills of New York banks were selling in Boston on thursday last at fifteen P Cent discount for dollars few are Sold here the price is from 6 to 8 and in New York from 9 to 10 and I believe the Banks in New York are now putting their bills into circulation by discounting Notes

I am with due respect your
Excellency's most obedient
& humble servant
A Kingsbury

[on reverse] In the Upper House Oct^r 1814

The within representation has been read, & is referred to the joint Committee on the subject of Finances of the State with liberty to report by Bill or otherwise Attest. Thomas Day
Secretary

Concurred in the House of Rep^s
Attest Ch^s Denison Clk

## LEWIS B. STURGES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:20]

Washington 25 Octo. 1814

*His Exc^cy Gov. Smith*

*Sir*

I have this day been honored with your Exc^y's Letter of the 21^st ins^t informing me that the people of Connecticut have

elected me as one of their Representatives in the fourteenth Congress of the US

I hereby signify my acceptance of the appointment with which they have honored me and have the honor to be with perfect respect

Your Excys Obt Servt
LEWIS B STURGES

[Superscribed] His Excy Governor SMITH New Haven Connecticut Free Lewis B Sturges

[Endorsed] Hon. L. B. Sturges acceptance as member 14th Cong. recd 29. Oct. 1814

## JOHN BRAINARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:21]

HADDAM October 25th 1814

*His Excellency John C Smith Esq*

*Sir* on the 8th of September last I Rcd an Express from Capt Benjamin Hurd of Killingworth that he had called out the Company under his Command into Service on the 6th Day of Said Sept Capt Hurd Stated that two Frigates & a Brig Anchored close under the shore between Guilford and Killingworth on Tuesday the 6th in the morning and Commenced Hostilities at Guilford by landing and attempting to land and taking Vessels from the Harbour &C — — — —

The Express stated that they were still at anchor and I imediately Sent an Express to Genl Howe at Newhaven for Directions, and Received orders from him to have Capt Hurds Company Discharged, — I therefore sent an Express to Capt Hurd to have his Company Dismissed imediately Capt Hurds Company was in service from the 6th of September untill the 15th of the Same month The Company Consisted of one Capt one Lieut 1 Ensign 4 Sergts 3 Corporals 3 Music & 29 Privates

Your most Obedient Humbl Servt

JOHN BRAINARD 2nd Lieut
Col Comdt 7th Regt
Con. Militia — — — — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esq New Haven

[Endorsed] Capt. Hurd's case — Laid before the Council 27th Oct. 1814 — They advise that the subaltern & men be paid — but that the pay of the Capt. be suspended —

## LYMAN LAW TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:22]

WASHINGTON October 26th 1814

*His Excellency*
*John Cotton Smith*

*Sir*

I duly received your Letter of the 25th Inst informing me, that I am elected a Representative of the State of Connecticut to the fourteenth Congress of the United States, And in reply, have the honour to signify to you, that I accept the trust —

with high respect I am
your Excellencys, most obedient
and very humble servant
LYMAN LAW

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Newhaven Free L Law

[Endorsed] Hon. Lyman Law's acceptance — recd 31. oct. 1814

## JONATHAN P. MOSELEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:23]

WASHINGTON 26th Octr 1814

*Sir.*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter, informing me, that I am elected a representative of the state of Connecticut, in the fourteenth Congress of the United States — and to signify to your Excellency, my acceptance of the trust. —

With high respect
I have the honour to be

Your Excellencys
obed$^{t}$ ser$^{t}$
JON$^{N}$ P. MOSELEY.

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH. New Haven. Conn.— Free J. P. Moseley.

[Endorsed] Hon. J. P. Moseley's acceptance rec$^{d}$ 31. Oct. 1814

## EPAPHRODITUS CHAMPION TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:24]

WASHINGTON Oct$^{r}$ 26$^{th}$ 1814

*Sir*—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's favor of the 21$^{st}$ instant informing me that I am elected a representative of the people of the state of Connecticut in the fourteenth congress of the United States.

I accept the trust — and have the honor to be very respectfully Sir,

Your Excellency's
most obedient servant
EPAPHRODITUS CHAMPION

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Endorsed] Hon. E. Champion's acceptance 31. oct. 1814

## TIMOTHY PITKIN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:25]

WASHINGTON Oct$^{r}$ 26$^{th}$ 1814

*His Excellency,*
*Governor Smith,*
*Sir,*

I have been honored, with yours of the 21$^{st}$ Inst, informing me, of my election, as one of the Representatives of the people of the State of Connecticut, in the fourteenth Congress of

the U States, & requesting an answer, as to my acceptance — I beg leave to inform you of my acceptance of the trust. —

I have the honor to be, with
great respect your most
obedient & very humble
Servt
TimO Pitkin

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor Smith New Haven Connect Free T. Pitkin

[Endorsed] Hon. Timo Pitkin's acceptance — 31. Oct. 1814

## MEDAD HOTCHKISS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:26]

Woodbridge Occtr 26th 1814 — — —

*His Excellency*
*John C Smith*

*Sir* — — I had the honor of being appointed to the Command of the first Company in the 2d Regt of State Troops when first organized, & in may last was promoted to the Rank of first Major in Sd Regt which rank I find to be Claimed by the Officer who was at the same time appointed 2d Major in sd Regt — —

I also find the Commission which I now hold to be attended with Considerable expence without any prospect of its being servicable [e]ither to the public or myself, & probably will deprive the state of the Services of an officer whose talents & military information entitle him to public notice — — —

I therefore pray your Excellency & the Honorable Council to accept my Resignation with my sincere thanks for the Honor done me in the said appointments

I am your Excellencys most
obt Servt — — Medad Hotchkiss

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith New Haven

[Endorsed] Major M. Hotchkiss— 26. oct. 1814 not accepted by advice of Council

## AUGUSTINE TAYLOR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:27]

New London Oct$^{r}$ 27$^{th}$ 1814—

*Dear Sir* —

I ariv$^{d}$ here yesterday & found all things quiet — Major Goddard has been busily employed in paying off the Troops & will finish here & at Stonington so as to be able to proceed to Saybrook & pay the troops at that place & Killingsworth He thinks so as that they may be discharged on Saturday. The New detachment from Middletown has not arived — As all the Officers at Stonington Are Sick I have sent Major Taylor to that place to attend to the discharge of those troops. Cap$^{t}$ Johnson has taken up as spies two british Navy Officers — Lieutenants,—Near the Fort at Saybrook — & sent them here. I have Examined them & am at a loss whether to consider them as Spies or Not — Oppinions here Are various — — they State that they were Prisoners and hostages, but were included in the general exchange by the Presidents Proclamation that their funds were exausted & No Support allowed them they left Lancaster in Pensilvania & traveled in disguise on to Saybrook where they attempted to get off to the Ships of the Squadron on our Coast — — — If they are Not to be considered as Spies, I suppose it propper to deliver them to the Marshall, Altho it is Contrary to the oppinion of Many gentlemen here, I should be glad of your advise, if convenient, I shall however dispose off them in some way soon — — — A Fleet of 6 or 7 large Ships, are in Sight off this harbour — in great haste

I am with great Respect
Your Friend & Ob$^{t}$ Serv$^{t}$
Augustine Taylor

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Governor of the State of Connecticut — New Haven Conn$^{t}$

[Endorsed] Gen$^{l}$ Taylor 27. Oct. 1814 —

## ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FILLING THE RANKS OF THE REGULAR ARMY

[7:28]

An Act to provide for filling the ranks of the regular army by classing the free white male population of the U. S. —

Sec. 1 — All the white male inhabitants between 18 & 45 to be class'd—classes of 25 in each township parish or other territorial divisions are to be made under the authority of the U. S. assessors — Where there are no assessors under Marshalls. The assessors and marshalls bound under a penalty to complete the classification in a given time

2 Each class shall furnish an able bodied man between 18 & 45 to serve during the war to be deliver'd over to the assessor or marshall and by him deliver'd over to the U. S. officer authoris'd to receive him.

3 Marshall & assessors are to determine the precincts or territorial divisions of each class so that the property in each division shall be as nearly equal as possible and give notice to each resident in the district of the number of the precinct to which he belongs —

4 In case of failure each class to pay a penalty which if not paid in days shall be collected of the taxable inhabitants of the district in proportion to property real & personal to be decided by the tax list or any other just & equitable standard by which the actual wealth of the party may be ascertain'd

5 Marshalls & assessors to act under the direction of the President of the U.S. The penalties forfeited by each class shall be collected by collectors of direct taxes and internal duties in the same manner as direct taxes are collected —

6 Any person aggriev'd by excessive valuation may appeal in the same manner as is directed in the Act for assessing & collecting direct taxes &c

7 & 8 Relates to the paying over the fines and penalties by marshalls & collectors to the Treasurer — —

9 The money accruing from penalties to be employ'd by the Secy of war to recruit the army — —

10 Relates to paying Marshall &c for services — —

11. 12. 13. 14 Unimportant regulations — — —

15 Provides that any 5 white male inhabitants of the U.S. being liable to militia duty who shall furnish a soldier between 18 & 45 during the war shall be exempt from militia duty during the war — —

16. 17 Unimportant details — —

Another Bill was at the same time and by the same committee reported for the purpose of raising 40 regiments for frontier defence only — — — It is thus confirm'd that the regular army is to be fill'd and pass into Canada — — — — —

A Bill of which the foregoing is the substance was this day reported to the house of representatives by the military committee

EPAPHRODITUS CHAMPION
Oct. 27th 1814 — — — —

## CHARLES SHERMAN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:29]

NEW HAVEN 28 Octr 1814.

*His Excellency Govr Smith*
*Sir*

Well knowing your many engagements & interruptions, & unwilling to intrude on your time, I take this method of acquainting your Excellency that from a respectful regard to your wishes, & actuated by a sincere desire still to promote as far as in my power the interests of the Batt: of Artillery now under my command, I have determined to recall my resolution of leaving them, provided they can be influenced to take such measures as will restore their reputation —

Your Excellency must readily perceive that my appointment to the office which I have solicited of the Major General, will place me in an advantageious situation to make propositions to the Batt: but if made in my present situation, such a proposition will naturally be imputed rather to necessity than a desire to benefit them.

If therefore your Excellency will have the goodness to ad-

dress a line to the Maj$^{r}$ General, informing him that your objections to my appointment are removed, (in time to arrange the matter with him, previous to the meeting of the Artillery, which takes place this evening,) I will engage to use every exertion to remove the disgrace now attached to the Batt:, & if I succeed, to remain with them until I have your Excellencys permission to retire:— & if I should fail, to engage to hold myelf in readiness (notwithstanding the office of Division Inspector) to obey any Call to a more active appointment —

Respectfully Ys
CHA$^{S}$ SHERMAN

[Superscribed] His Excellency Gov$^{r}$ SMITH Present
[Endorsed] Major Sherman — 28$^{th}$ Oct. 1814 wrote Gen$^{l}$ Hubbard same day accordingly —

## AUGUSTINE TAYLOR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:30]

NEW LONDON Oct$^{r}$ 28$^{th}$ 1814

*Dear Sir—*

The Troops haveing been detained in consequence of head wind in comeing down the River, from MidleTown, did not arive here, Untill this Morning,— Major Goddard has this After Noon returned from paying off the Troops at Stonington — and will proceed to Saybrook to Morrow morning — to pay the detatchment under Captain Johnson — I fear He will be hardly able to get through this week — Major Barnum being totally Unacquainted with his duty — it will require considerable attention to get him Started right and foremost the company's being Small — I have disMissed, some of the Commissioned Officers & shall, As Many More as the good of the Service will admit off without giveing offence provided I can posibly get the troops ready to Muster, this week, which I trust I shall (should Not the excessive rain prevent) and Make the Other Necessary, Arangements I hope to be able to leave this for New Haven the begining of the week — — — Major Barnum has brought on about 200 Troops exclusive of about 56 at Saybrook & Killingsworth I propose to send about 25 to Stonington — —

I have taken A *Severe Cold,* but I trust I shall Not be laid up with it — — I have

the honor, to be with great

Respect verry Sincerely,

Your Humble serv$^{t}$ —

AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

P S the last of Col$^{o}$ Brainards Reg$^{t}$ were paid off thirsday Morning — — Some few Sick were left which will be attended to by Do$^{t}$ Groves Surgeon Mate to the new detatchment, I have dispenced with the attendance of any other Medical aid — — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Govenor of the State of Connecticut New Haven

[Endorsed] Gen$^{l}$ Taylor — N. London — 28. Oct. 1814

## HORATIO G. HALE TO NATHANIEL TERRY

[7:31]

HARTFORD October 29$^{th}$ 1814

*Gen$^{l}$ Nathaniel Terry*

*Sir*

Cap$^{t}$ King informed me last week, that he should send his resignation to New Haven before the rising of the Assembly & intimated that he should make no particular recommendation of persons to fill the places which might be vacated, should he be discharged.

The situation of the officers, with regard to M$^{r}$ Edwin Gaylord, as heretofore stated, we should be glad to have borne in mind. At the solicitation of Lieu$^{t}$ Hatch & the assent of Ensign Seymour, M$^{r}$ G. was induced to leave his post of Orderly Serg$^{t}$ in Cap$^{t}$ Goodmans Comp$^{y}$, and enlist into ours, with a promise from them & myself, that he should be recommended, whenever the vacancy should occur, for the Office of 1$^{st}$ Lieut. In making this arrangement, we had two objects in view.— One was to help the Comp$^{y}$ to a good Officer — & the other, through his influence, to fill our ranks with substantial recruits. The latter has already equaled our expectations. The nature of the case appears to be pretty well understood by his friends & should he fail of obtaining a Commission of some kind, it will have

a tendency at least, of breaking that harmony & unanimity which has hitherto prevailed in our Company & put an effectual stop to further enlistments in West Hartford.

Should Capt King have no particular wish on this subject, it is mine & that of Lieut Hatch & Ensign Seymour, that Mr Gaylord should be recommended for a Commission.

Your Obedt Servt
HORATIO G. HALE

[Superscribed] Gen1 NATHANIAL TERRY New Haven

[Endorsed] Letter from Gen1 Terry de vacancy in 9. comp. 1. Regt State troops Novr 1814

## HORACE BEACH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:32]

*Sir*—

I am at present out of business, and should be verry happy to hold a commission in the Troops that are to be rased for the defence of the state to be stationed at East Haven, in the Fort lately erected there — — — I therefore take this opportunity to tender to your Ecellency my services as as a first Lieutenant I am Sir —

Your Ecellencys humble
And Obdt Servant
HORACE BEACH

NEW HAVEN 29th
Octo 1814
To his Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH

29. Oct. 1814 —
Mr Beach is appointed —
J. C. SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JNO COTTON SMITH Governor of the State of Connecticut

[Endorsed] Horace Beach's appointment for a commission in the volunteers for defence of New Haven — Appointed 29th Oct. 1814—& notified thereof —

## BENJAMIN TALLMADGE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:33]

WASHINGTON Oct° 31st 1814

*Gov^r Smith*

*Sir*

Your Excellency's Letter of the 21st instant, announcing my Election to serve in the fourteenth Congress of the U. States, has just been received. My reply at this time is that I will accept the trust, & if I should find it necessary to make a different Determination, I shall not fail to communicate the same to your Excellency in due Seanson — — —

Very little business of importance has been done since Congress convened. The *Ways & means* to replenish the Treasury make a prominent feature in the deliberations of those who manage our public Affairs, & when the System of Taxation shall be matured & in full Operation, I think the people of this Country will reallize the blessings of this war to some purpose — If they should also succeed in filling the ranks of the Army to the contemplated Establishment of 100.000 Men, either by Classification or Conscription, it would seem as if the measure of our Evils would be full to overflowing — — — — —

I have the Honor to be,
very respectfully
Your most Obed^t Serv^t
BENJ^N TALLMADGE

[Superscribed] His Excellency Gov^r SMITH New Haven

[Endorsed] Hon. Benj. Tallmadge acceptance rec^d 4. Nov^r 1814

## INSTRUCTIONS TO QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

[7:34]

On the claims for Beacons in the 2nd & 3rd brigades — repairing gun carriages — military escort for guns &c

Pursuant to advice of the Council the Q. M. General is instructed to examine and adjust the foregoing demands —

The claim for *beacons* has arisen from an unfortunate construction of a part of the General order issued 19th April last re-

garding Signals which was intended to authorize nothing more than the usual *military* signals — The account from the 3rd brigade is very large and the expense extremely unequal in the different regiments — It is worthy of inquiry whether the lowest sum charged is not adequate to such an object in each regiment — It is certain that no allowance should be made for mere fancy or ornament until the legislature direct otherwise —
Council Chamber 31. Oct. 1814

[Endorsed] Instructions to Q. M. General 31. Oct. 1814 de signals &c

## JOHN MIX TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:35]

New Haven October 31st 1814. — —

*His Excellency Governor Smith,*

*Sir,*

The duties devolving on me as Quarter Master General of the Militia of this State have become so many, various, and important, and such high responsibility attached to the office generally, as well as the advanced period of life to which I have arrived, induce me to ask your Excellency and the Honorable Council for a dismission from that office. — — — — —

With much respect and esteem,
I am Sir,
Your Excellency's
Very obedient servant,
John Mix Q M Genl — — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor Smith, Present. — —

[Endorsed] Col. Jno. Mix Q. M. G. resignation Accepted 1. Novr 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SETH P. STAPLES

[7:36]

New Haven 31st Oct. 1814

*Col Seth P Staples*

*Sir*

It is my desire that you will take command of the volunteer force authorized by a resolution of the Legislature for the defence of the harbour of New Haven & points adjacent — —

Your compensation will be that of the pay & emolument of a Captain of Artillery — — —

The men will be enlisted for the period of six months unless sooner discharged, & should you think proper to accept the trust you will be pleased to issue the necessary order for the recruiting service —

I am sir your very
Obedient Servt
Jno Cotton Smith —

Copy —
New Haven Octo 31-1814
I accept the above appointment
S P Staples

[Endorsed] Appointment of Col. Staples to Command guards &c N. Haven —

## HORACE BEACH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:37]

New Haven 1st Nov 1814

*Sir*

As your Excellency was pleased to appoint me first Liut of the Corps to be raised, under a resolution of the Legislator, for the defence of the Harbour of New Haven and adjacent points — I beg of you Sir, to acept this my Resignation of the commission I now hold in your 2nd Compy — Foot Guards, in doing which you will much oblige

Your humble & Obedt
Servant Horace Beach

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Governor of the State of Connecticut
[Endorsed] Horace Beach's resignation as Ensign 2. Comp^y guards Accepted
[On reverse of letter, at top] Enlisting Orders Novb 1-1814

## JOHN DAVENPORT JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:38]

WASHINGTON 1^st Nov^r 1814

*His Excellency Governor Smith*
*Sir*

Your kind notice to me by yours of the 21^st Ultm^o informing me, that, I have been elected as representative of the people of the State of Connecticut in the fourteenth Congress of the United States, was duly received.

The pleasure you wish to have afforded you shall not be delayed, I accept the trust reposed in me by the choice of the people of the State of Connecticut. to serve them in the fourteenth Congress — —

I have the honor to be very
respectfully Your Excellencys
Obedient & most humble servant
JN^O DAVENPORT J^r

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH New Haven Connecticut Free Jn^o Davenport
[Endorsed] Hon. Jn^o Davenport's Acceptance — rec^d 5. Nov^r 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[7:39]

NEW HAVEN 1. Nov^r 1814

*Sir*

By advice of the Council the guard at Bridgeport & its vicinity will be reduced to its original number of forty five including a Subaltern and a due proportion of noncommissioned officers —

You are therefore directed to relieve the present guard at the expiration of Sixty days from the commencement of their service by a detachment of the above number from your brigade. In making the detachment you will not confine your draught to such as were detached under the order of the 28th July last, but you will take care to exempt all who have already performed a determinate tour of duty —

The Pay Master General will be directed to attend to the payment of the men who are to be relieved — —

I am Sir respectfully your
obedient servant

B. Genl Foote —

[Endorsed] To B. Genl Foote — guard at Bridgeport 1. Novr 1814

## EBEN H. COLLINS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:40]

New Haven Novr 1st 1814

*Sir*

I have heretofore, under date of 26 Octr requested the appointment of Captain in the Corps to be raised for the defence of this State. — Notwithstanding that application, Should your Excellency think proper to grant me a Commission of Lieutenant in the Company to be raised for the defence of New Haven & its Vicinity to be Stationed on Beacon Hill, I would embrace that opportunity of Serving the State, & beg Leave to withdraw my former application

I have the honour to be
with the highest respect
Your Excellency's
Most Obt Servt —
Eben H Collins

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr Smith —

[Endorsed] Eben H. Collins application for a Lieutenancy on Beacon Hill — Appointed him 2nd Lieut. on 7th or 8th Novr 1814

## JARED SCARBOROUGH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:41]

HARTFORD Nov$^{r}$ 2$^{d}$ 1814 — —

*Sir,*

I have the honour to acknowledge the rec$^{t}$ of yours, of the 1$^{st}$ Inst — and to communicate to you, my acceptance of the trust, which the Governor & Council have been pleased to commit to me.

I am Sir with the
highest respect & esteem
Your most Obd$^{t}$ Ser$^{t}$
JARED SCARBOROUGH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH New Haven

[Endorsed] Jared Scarborough's acceptance of the app$^{t}$ Q. M. General — rec$^{d}$ 4. Nov$^{r}$ 1814

## CHARLES B. KING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:42]

EAST HADDAM Nov$^{r}$ 3$^{rd}$ 1814

*Sir*

I am under the necessity of requesting your Excellency to accept my resignation of the Command of the 9$^{th}$ Co. 1$^{st}$ Reg$^{t}$ State Troops — I am compelled to this measure Sir partly in consequence of the inconvenience to which I must necessarily be Subjected in doing ordinary duty, So far from home, and partly from my inability to defray the necessary expences

I have the honor to be sir
Your Excellency' Most Ob$^{t}$ Serv$^{t}$
CH$^{S}$ B. KING

His Excellency Gov SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Gov$^{r}$ SMITH New Haven Paid

[Endorsed] Ch$^{s}$ B. King Capt. 9$^{th}$ comp. State troops. resignation accepted by advice of council — 5. Nov$^{r}$ 1814 Horatio G. Hale appointed —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AUGUSTINE TAYLOR

[7:43]

N. Haven 3. Nov$^{r}$ 1814

*Dear Sir*

It is the opinion of the Council that your period of service should terminate with that of the detachment now on duty at this place — You will therefore be pleased to consider such to be the order — *

With my particular thanks for the important Services you have rendered the state I have the

honour to be D$^{r}$ Sir very respectfully
Your obedient & humble Servant

* You will also direct the detachment already mentioned to be discharged at the expiration of their term of sixty days or sooner if convenient —

Major Gen$^{l}$ Taylor —

[Endorsed] Order to Gen$^{l}$ Taylor — 3. Nov$^{r}$ 1814

## EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:44]

Norwich 3$^{d}$ November 1814

*My dear sir*

Having received the returns from the delinquent brigades excepting the second, I have completed my returns for your excellency's inspection, as far as in my power at this time — — — I have inclosed a letter from the brigade Inspector of the 7$^{th}$ brigade justificatory of himself for not having forwarded his returns earlier, which I pray your Excellency to return to me at the rising of the legislature as also the returns now forwarded, to save me the trouble of making another new sett — — — — — — — as soon as Gen$^{l}$ Howe shall forward his returns I will *complete* a sett for your Excellency & forward to you — — — — It would be desireable that some steps might be taken which should guard against such neglect & delay — — they cause trouble & much vexation to me in my duties — — —

I am very sincerely & respectfully
your humble servant
EBEN : HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH
[Endorsed] Adj$^{t}$ General — 3 Nov$^{r}$ 1814

## JOSIAH B. MORSE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:45]

NEW HAVEN Nov$^{r}$ 4$^{th}$ 1814

*His Exelency John Cotton Smith*

*sir* haveing Rec$^{d}$ a Comission as Commadant of the 2$^{nd}$ Company Govenors Horse Guards I beg leave to State to your Exelency that in Oct$^{r}$ 1808 I Rec$^{d}$ a Commison as Cornet of said Company and have been promoted Regularly to the office of Commadant and have always endeavourd to do my duty in the several offices I have held in said Company but the Duties as Commadant may in some Instances interfer with the office I hold as Deputy Sheriff and which office of Deputy Sheriff is the means by which I support a numerous family of young Children I pray your Excelency to accept my Resignation as Commadant of said Company

I am sir your
Exelencys Humble ser$^{t}$
JOSIAH B MORSE

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH New Haven
[Endorsed] Major Josiah B. Morse resignation as Major Com$^{t}$ 2. com. H. Guards Accepted 8$^{th}$ Nov$^{r}$ 1814 whenever another shall be commissioned — order issued 9$^{th}$ Nov$^{r}$ 1814

## HEZEKIAH HOWE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:46]

NEW HAVEN 4 November 1814

*sir*

The third Company of the second Reg$^{t}$ of Cavalry was called

out by my order in April last, as advised in my letter to your Excellency of the 16th of that month. I understand from the Paymaster General, Major Goddard, that an order from your Excellency will be necessary to entitle the men to their pay, — — it may therefore be proper, that I should state to your Excellency, that this Company when called out consisted of a Captain three subaltern officers & thirty one non commissioned officers & privates, who were on duty from the 18th of April to the 27th of the same month, a part were then discharged, & a Lieutenant & 18 non-commissioned officers & privates, were retained in service, until the 6th of May, when the whole were dismissed, — — — finding occasion for the services of a Quarter Master, I called on Captain Barker my Brigade Q. M. who was on duty from April 19th until the whole were discharged

Should your Excellency deem it proper to give an order to the paymaster General for the payment of these troops, it would perhaps be most convenient that it should be done, whilst he remains in town, — — your Excellency however, will doubtless pursue that course, in the business which your duty to the public points out

Respectfully

I am sir

Your Most Obed servt

HEZEKIAH HOWE

Brigadier Genl 2d Brigade

His Excellency

JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq

Captain General

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq New Haven

[Endorsed] Genl Howe's representation — — Laid before the council 5. Novr and they advise that order be issued for the payment of the men

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY

[7:47]

At a meeting of his Excellency the Governor and the Council of Safety at New Haven on the 5th day of November A.D. 1814 —

The opinion of the Council was requested by his Excellency the Governor, whether it is necessary for the public service that Barracks should be built at Saybrook Fort this season — The Council advise that it is not necessary

At a meeting of his Excellency & the Council &c at New Haven on the 7th day of November AD 1814

His Excellency the Governor having requested the opinion of the Council with respect to stationing Guards for the defence of the Sea Coast, and dismissing some part of the Militia now in service, The Council advise that a Serjeants guard be kept at Stonington thro' the winter

That a Subaltern's guard be kept at New London untill winter, & that the residue of the Troops now stationed there be dismiss'd immediately — That a Subaltern's guard be kept at Saybrook untill winter

That a Serjeants guard be kept at Killingworth untill Winter

That the guard of Forty five men stationed at Bridgeport & Blackrock be dismiss'd in Thirty days —

That a Major be detach'd from the Militia to command all the Troops stationed upon the Coast — — — — —

At a meeting of his Excellency & the Council &c. at Litchfield on the 7th day of December 1814

Upon the question being proposed by his Excellency the Governor, at what points besides those already designated shall guards be posted for the Winter —

The Council advise, That a guard consisting of Two Serjeants Two Corporals Two Musicians & Twenty four Privates and commanded by a Subaltern Officer be stationed at Black Rock for the security of Vessels entering that Harbor, also to watch & protect as far as may be, the Harbor of Bridgeport — and that a Guard of One Serjeant two Corporals and Twelve Men Commanded by a Subaltern officer be stationed at Saybrook — —

His Excellency the Governor having communicated to the Council that an attempt to borrow money for the use of the State had been made in Massachusetts under the Authority given to the Governor by the Act of Assembly passed in October last, & had failed, and that no other loan under said Act had been made, and his Excellency having proposed to the Council to consider whether it be expedient at this time to proceed to organize and raise a body of Troops for the defence of the State under the Act of Assembly passed in October last — The Council Advise that it is not expedient — —

The Council advise his Excellency that it is not expedient at this time to open Books for a subscription for a loan to the State under the Act of Assembly passed in October last — — The Council advise his Excellency not to accept the proposal of the Phoenix Bank, to advance to the State Five Thousand Dollars in Bills of the Banks of the State of NewYork upon Interest in anticipation of the sum to be paid by them to the State in January next

His Excellency having communicated to the Council his instructions to Maj^r^ Charles Sherman relative to dismissing a part of the Militia stationed at sundry places upon the Coast & Maj^r^ Shermans Letter to him, giving an account of the manner in which he had fulfill'd his instructions — The Council notwithstanding they consider the Attempt of the said Maj^r^ Sherman to enlist Volunteers at New London, & other posts upon the Coast to serve as guards in the place of the Militia, & to appoint officers and noncommissioned officers to command such Volunteers to be altogether unauthorised and unwarrantable, and to be destructive of the Public Service, and of Military discipline, do nevertheless advise his Excellency as said Volunteers have performed the dutys which otherwise must have been done by the Militia, to cause the non commissioned officers and privates to be paid, and to suspend the payment of the Officers untill the pleasure of the General Assembly shall be known — —

The Council advise his Excellency to convene the General Assembly in the month of January next, if a Bill for an Act, to

Authorise the President of the United States, to call upon the several States &c for their respective proportions of Eighty Thousand Four Hundred & Thirty Militia which hath passed the Senate of the United States, should pass the House of Representatives, & be approved by the President — — —

At a meeting of his Excellency & the Council &c at Hartford on the 4th & 5th days of January A D 1815

His Excellency having communicated to the Council a Letter from Lieutenant H. Beach commanding at Fort Wooster, stating that a Soldier enlisted into the service of the State & under his command, had afterwards enlisted into the Army of the United States — —

The Council advise his Excellency that the State have an undoubted right to retain the Man in their service

The Council advise his Excellency not to accept the propositions of the Eagle Bank & the Norwich Bank, to loan the State a sum of money in Bills of the Banks of the State of New-york

The Council advise that the Tents, authorised to be made by an act of the Assembly, be of the same dimensions as those heretofore made, and that there be a suitable proportion of Field and other Officers' Tents — —

The Council advise that the whole number of Six Pounders purchased under the act of Assembly by the Quarter Master General, be mounted, and that it be done in the best manner, and at the least expence for which they may be mounted in that manner — —

The Council advise his Excellency the Governor to recommend to the Treasurer, to receive the reimbursement on account of Principal and Interest of the Debt of the United States, due to this State in Bills of the NewYork Banks, according to the proposition of the Loan officer of the United States, and if necessary, in consequence of failing to obtain Loans of the Banks of this State in their Bills, to apply the same to the current expences of the State

The Council advise his Excellency the Governor to convene the General Assembly on the 25th of Inst January —

A True Copy — exam'd by NATHL TERRY Clerk of the Council

[Endorsed] Minutes of the Council of Safety

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[7:48]

NEW HAVEN 5. Novr 1814

*Major Goddard*
*Pay Master General* — —
*Sir*

The Genl Assembly having repealed their resolution passed in May last authorizing the payment of the troops of this state in the service of the United States, you will consider my order issued in pursuance of that resolution as revoked — —

You are hereby directed to pay the Subalterns & men belonging to the company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Hurd of 7th regiment who were called into service on an alarm at Killingworth on 6th September last if duly mustered — The pay of the Capt. is suspended for further inquiry — —

You will also pay a company of dragoons ordered into service at New Haven by Brigadier General Howe on the 18th april last, a part of whom were dismissed on the 27th of the same month & the residue on 6th May following if duly mustered — You will likewise consider it your duty to pay such detachments as may be ordered into service under authority received from the Commander in chief not in pursuance of a requisition from the Genl Government — — —

J. C. SMITH

[Endorsed] Order on pay-master General — 5. Novr 1814

## APPOINTMENTS IN STATE CORPS

[7:49]

Appointments in 9th Comp. 1 Regt State troops 5th Novr 1814 —
Capt. Horatio G. Hale in place of Chs B. King

unsigned—

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ANDREW KINGSBURY

[7:50]

New Haven 7. Nov$^{r}$ 1814

*Sir*

The troops at Bridgeport will be discharged tomorrow, and as you are not in funds will it not be advisable to attempt a loan to the account of their wages at Bridgeport either of individuals or the bank? — Should you concur in this idea I wish you to make the necessary arrangements for that purpose —

I am Sir your ob$^{t}$ ser$^{t}$

John Cotton Smith

A. Kingsbury Esq$^{r}$
Treasurer — —

[Endorsed] To the Treasurer 7. Nov$^{r}$ 1814

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF SAFETY

[7:51]

A major to command the whole —

| | |
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| | for the winter |
| Stonington— | 1 Serg$^{t}$ 2 Corp. 12 men |
| N. London— | Subaltern's guard to about 1 Dec$^{r}$ & dismiss the remainder |
| Saybrook— | Subaltern's guard of 24 till winter |
| Killingworth | A Sargeant's guard till winter |
| N. Haven— | 50 men for the winter— |
| Bridgeport & Black Rock | 45 men for 30 days— |

7 Nov$^{r}$ 1814

[Endorsed] Minutes of the Council of safety 7 Nov$^{r}$ 1814

## SETH P. STAPLES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:52]

New Haven Novb 7$^{th}$ 1814

*Sir*

Probably the service will be promoted by my resignation of

the command given me by your appointment under date of Octob$^{r}$ 31— 1814; & as I have no wish to remain in service your Excellency will confer another favour on me by accepting this as my resignation —

For any service I may have renderd I shall neither accept nor claim pay —

I remain with great respect
Your Ex$^{y}$ Mst Obd$^{t}$ & vry Hb Servt
SETH P STAPLES

To His Ex$^{y}$ J. C. SMITH Esq
Cap. Gen$^{l}$ &c of Conn$^{t}$

[Superscribed] His Ex$^{y}$ JOHN C. SMITH Esq Cap. Gen$^{l}$ &c New Haven

[Endorsed] Col. Staples resignation of Command on Beacon Hill — Nov$^{r}$ 1814

## HEZEKIAH HOWE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:53]

*To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq$^{r}$*

The undersigned brigadier General of the 2$^{d}$ brigade militia would respectfully represent as follows — that some time during the past summer he received an order from the Adjutant Gen$^{l}$ to forward his brigade returns on or before the 10$^{th}$ of October 1814 — — on the 8$^{th}$ October the infantry regiments had made their regimental returns to the brigadier except the 10$^{th}$ regiment — the return of the cavalry as rendered was incomplete in one company — the artillery were in the public service & had not been inspected — as the order of the Adj$^{t}$ General directing the brigade return to be forwarded before the 10$^{th}$ Oct$^{r}$ was unqualified, the brigadier felt it his duty, to direct his return to be made up, of such regimental returns as had been forwarded, & that the same should be forthwith forwarded to the Adj$^{t}$ Gen$^{l}$ otherwise no return of the brigade, could be received by the Adjutant Gen$^{l}$ so soon as the 10$^{th}$ october: the inspector of Brigade accordingly on the 8$^{th}$ oct$^{r}$ made up a brigade return from the fragments then in his hands & directed it to the Adj$^{t}$ Gen$^{l}$ — — imediately afterwards the regimental returns

of the 10th infantry were received, but not in season to be included & forwarded in the budget then made up. On the 16th oct: a letter dated 14th october was received from the Adjutant Genl acknowledging the receipt of the above mentioned brigade returns, & directing the brigadier to furnish a more complete return, to include the artillery & such of the other corps as had been left out, with a list of the officers names attached to the brigade — — — — Orders were imediately issued on the receipt of Adjt Genl Letter, by the brigadier to such Colonels as had been delinquent in furnishing their regimental returns & lists — — the artillery were at this time also in public service & as the brigadier supposed beyond his command, they of course were not inspected — — — —

New blanks were made out by the brigade Inspr on receipt of the Adjt Genl letter & filled forthwith by returns of all the infantry; the blanks were then in part, kept open from day to day under the expectation of receiving a *complete* return of the cavalry; owing however to some informality in the returns of the company officers (as the brigadier believes) this expectation has not been realized — — — In consequence of a note yesterday received from your Excellency, the brigadier has directed his brigade Major to forward imediately the brigade return to the Adjt Genl without waiting longer for the *cavalry returns* — — he has at the same time directed, that the regimental returns of cavalry as made up last fall should be transmitted to the Adjt Genl in lieu of the incomplete returns rendered for the last inspection, those of the last fall being the latest & indeed only complete return, of cavalry in the offices of the brigade Inspr — the same course has also been pursued with regard to the Battalion of Artillery, it not having been inspected this fall as above stated in consequence of being in the public service. Although the brigadier regrets much the delay which has attended the completion of his returns, yet he feels conscious that it has been occasioned by causes beyond his controul — all which is respectfully submitted — New Haven 8th Novr 1814

Hezekiah Howe
Brigadier General
2d Brigade

[Endorsed] Genl Howe's apology — —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JAMES WARD

[7:54]

New Haven 8. Novr 1814

*Col. Ward —*
*Dear Sir —*

A resolution has passed the legislature directing me to convene the Genl Assembly immediately by proclamation in case the bill now before congress for filling the ranks of the regular army should become a law — I have desired our Senators to forward intelligence of such an event to me in several ways — & particularly I have requested them to send a letter *under cover to you at Hartford* — Whenever it shall be received by you or in your absence by Mr Bartholomew it is my particular desire that it be forthwith despatched to me at Sharon *by express* — The messenger will of course carry back with him the proclamation — You will perceive the importance of letting none but your partner know of this arrangement —

The force at New London will be reduced to a Subaltern's command in the course of the present week — reductions will also be made at other points — In extreme haste I am Dr Sir

With &c

[Endorsed] To Col. Ward 8. Novr 1814

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA COLT

[7:55]

New Haven 9. Novr 1814

*Elisha Colt Esquire*
*Comptroller of public accounts*
*Sir*

You will draw on the treasurer in favour of Major Hezekiah

Goddard Pay Master General for such sums as he may require for the public Service not exceeding in the whole five thousand dollars for which he is to account — — —

JOHN COTTON SMITH — —

Copy

[Endorsed] Order on Comp$^{t}$ P. Master general — —

## REGULATIONS FOR QUARTER MASTER DEPARTMENT

[7:56]

That the duties of the Office of Quarter master General may be discharged with promptness, with satisfaction to the Commander in Chief, and in the manner best adapted to the preservation, and prudent use of the property of the State — — The Quarter Master General respectfully suggests to His Excellency, the Commander in Chief the propriety of —

I. Causing an order to be issued from this department, requiring all persons, to whom the property of the State belonging to this Department, has been Committed, to transmit forthwith a return of said property to the Quarter Master General, specifying the nature of such property, its quantity, quality, and present condition — — — —

II. Of causing to be published for the information of all commanders of Posts, as well as the Citizens of the State generally, the following rules & regulations, viz. —

I. That all orders on the Quarter Master General for the munitions of war or any of the articles belonging to his department, shall be made either by the Commanders of Posts, or by the military officer of the highest rank in the City, Borough or Town, where such articles are wanted for the use of the State such orders specifying the number, or quantity of the articles to be deliver$^{d}$ — — and receipts being given by those on whose order such articles are delivered — — — — —

II. That all bills for services rendered in this department, except those rendered under the inspection, or by the order of the Quarter Master General shall be certified by the same authority as is empowered to draw on the department for munitions of

war before such bills shall be paid — — — — —

III. That monthly returns shall be made, by all those who have authority to make drafts on the Quarter General for articles in his department stating what has been expended and what remains on hand and its condition — — — —

The foregoing report is approved and the regulations therein recommended are hereby established —

Given under my hand at New Haven
9th day of November AD 1814

[Endorsed] Regulations for Q. M. Department 9. Novr 1814 —
Copy —

## INSTRUCTIONS TO ELIZUR GOODRICH

[7:57]

*Copy*

Whereas the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, at their session held in Newhaven on the second Thursday of October AD 1814 passed An Act, (a Copy whereof is annexed) whereby the Governor of said State is authorised to cause to be borrowed in behalf and for the use of said State the sum of four hundred thousand Dollars — — —

Now therefore I John Cotton Smith Esquire Governor in and over said State of Connecticut by virtue of the power vested in me by said Act have authorised and empowered the Honourable Elizur Goodrich Esq of the City of Newhaven in said State to borrow said sum or such part thereof as he can obtain of any person or persons a body politic or corporate in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and for that purpose to enter into any stipulation or contract, in conformity to the provisions contained in said Act — —

Given under my hand & Seal
at the City of Newhaven the 9th day of
November in the year of our Lord 1814
J. C. S.

a true Copy
Elizur Goodrich

NEWHAVEN Nov^r 9. 1814

*Copy.*

*sir*

Having authorised you to borrow in behalf of the State in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the sum of four hundred thousand Dollars or such part thereof as can be obtained in conformity to an Act of the General Assembly held in October last, by virtue whereof the Governor of the State is authorised to cause said sum to be borrowed, I request you to proceed, as soon as may be, to Boston, and execute the trust, as nearly as may be, on the following plan — —

I Should the whole sum be contracted for, let it be payable, in Installments, in one of the Boston Banks, the first as early, as the first week in January, the second in the first week in April, the third in the first week in July, and the fourth in the first week in the October next, the Installments to be in equal sums.

II. Should only a part of the Loan be subscribed or obtained, divide or anticipate the payments if practicable, in such manner as to relieve the treasury

III. If impracticable to execute the trust on the foregoing principles, procure the Money or such part thereof as you can, to be paid in Boston for the use of the State, in the course of the ensuing year, varying the Installments, as occasion may require

III. Specie, Bills of good Banks, in the Common Wealth of Massachusetts, and the Bills or Notes of all the Banks in this State may be receivable on the Loan, in pursuance of a resolve of the Assembly, you will however stipulate that in case there shall be a material change in the circumstances of the Banks or either of them so that the Notes of either shall be materially reduced in Value the State shall not on the second or the future installments be required to receve such notes; this provision extends only to the Banks in Connecticut, as there should be no stipulations, for receiving any other than the first installment in any Notes whatever, unless such notes, be at the time of the value of Specie

IIII. The Certificates to be issued will in terms bind the state to reimburse the Loan, in specie, or Gold or silver, as current by the Laws of the United States, and will express the terms and conditions of the Loan, as specified in the Act of Assembly, and will be delivered to the Lenders by the Agent of the State at the place or places & time or times of paying the Installments

5th. You will be pleased to conform to the foregoing, as the general Rules, by which you will execute the trust: but are authorised to vary in circumstantial matters, as the exigencies of the case may require conforming however in all things to the provisions of the Act, by which the Loan is authorised, a Copy whereof is annexed to the special power executed to you under my hand

6. Should it be necessary for you to obtain advice or assistance in executing the business or to commit the details to some other person, after having compleated a Contract you will please to employ some suitable person for that purpose.

J. C. S.

The Hnle
Elizur Goodrich
A true Copy
E Goodrich

[Endorsed] Instructions to Hon. Elizur Goodrich & Commission — Copy —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CHARLES SHERMAN

[7:58]

New Haven 9th Novr 1814 —

*To Major Charles Sherman —*

*Sir*

Pursuant to the advice of the Council of Safety you are designated to the command of all the troops of the state now in service until further orders — It will be your duty to visit the several posts without delay and the following arrangements are to be made —

The detachment from the 8th brigade now on duty at New London and the posts adjacent is to be reduced — to wit — at

New-London to 1 subaltern 2 Sergeants 2 corporals 2 musicians and twenty four privates — At Stonington to 1 Sergeant two corporals and twelve privates — At Saybrook to 1. Subaltern 2 Sergeants 2 corporals 2 music & twenty four privates — at Killingworth to 1 Sergeant 2 corporals and twelve privates. The Sergeant's guard at Mistic will remain until the above are discharged — The residue of the detachment before mentioned whether field, commissioned, or staff officers, non commissioned officers and privates will be immediately dismissed by you after having been duly mustered — The force at New Haven is not to exceed two subalterns and fifty men including proper non-commissioned officers & musicians, and you will direct that the enlistment of volunteers for that object under the special resolve of the legislature shall not exceed that number — The force now at Bridgeport consisting of a Subaltern's command is to be divided between that post and Black rock in such manner as will best promote the safety of both posts — — The volunteer guard at Millriver, consisting of a sergeant two corporals & twelve privates are to be immediately dismissed — They were ordered into service under a special condition that they were to be paid & subsisted by the United States — as the support I understand is withdrawn the service must of course cease —

The term of service of *the militia* now assigned to the different posts will not exceed thirty days from the present date — and if you receive no orders for an earlier discharge you will see that they are dismissed by that time after being duly mustered beginning at the most eastern post & proceeding westward — whenever posts are left vacant of troops the utmost attention must be paid to the securing of the ordnance and other public property and you will call on the Q. M. General or his deputy for the necessary aid to effectuate this object —

You will inform the warden & burgesses of Stonington borough that a sergeant's guard will be stationed at that post for the winter, provided it can be raised by voluntary enlistment pursuant to a resolution of the Gen[l] Assembly passed in October now past — Let them acquaint me without delay whether such an enlistment can be effected in that vicinity — —

It is unnecessary to remind an officer of your rank & experience of the necessity of paying the utmost attention to the health & comfort of the troops & to their subordination & discipline — You will notice that the volunteer guard at N. Haven are subject to the same rules and regulations as the militia in service —

You will report to me weekly by mail the state of your command and unless you receive orders to the contrary you will consider your own period of service as closing with the final discharge of the militia as before directed — — —

[Endorsed] Instructions to Major Ch^s Sherman 9. Nov^r 1814 Copy —

## RETURNS OF MILITIA

[7:59 – 7:62]

Statistical tables only, omitted in this publication.

## EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:63]

NORWICH 10^th Nov^r 1814

*My dear sir*

Inclosed herewith your excellency will receive the returns of the Militia for 1814 as complete as the materials which have been received will permit — — — — — — The second brigade have returned no field pieces attached to their artillery battalion, whether it is a fact or mistake I know not, I have closed my returns under the presumption that the pieces may have been ordered away — — — — Will your Excellency permit me to repeat the request, that the returns which have been forwarded partially completed may be returned to me — — — — If indorsed *military returns* they will come free of postage — — — The return of Cavalry forwarded last week with those now sent will furnish your excellency with the strength of the militia & state of their equipment — — —

I regret extremely the trouble which your Exc$^{y}$ is subjected to by the neglect of the officers — but I certainly can take no blame on myself that they have not before been completed — — — —

Should the state of public affairs require my attendance at any one point to confer with your excellency, or to perform any duty, a line from your excellency will command my attendance — —

I am very respectfully
& very sincerely yours
EBEN : HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governor SMITH

Nov$^{r}$ 11$^{th}$ This morning by M Goddard I have received from your Exc$^{y}$ the letter of the 8$^{th}$ with its enclosures — — — — Gen$^{l}$ Howes *apology* is returned — — — — No return has been rec$^{d}$ from Ellington of a choice of officers since the first organization of that company — — — — A return from Norwalk has been rec$^{d}$ — the commissions are made out & inclosed & will be forwarded by first *private* conveyance — — — I do not send commissions by mail, it being attended with an unreasonable expense — — —

respectfully & sincerely yours
EBEN : HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Gov$^{r}$ SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH

## CHARLES SHERMAN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:64]

NEW HAVEN 11$^{th}$ Nov$^{r}$ 1814

*His Excellency Gov. Smith*
*Sir*

Lieu$^{t}$ Beach called upon me this morning & inquired whether the Soldiers at the Hill are to be furnished with Blankets or Bed sacks.

I observe by the "Enlisting orders" they are not entitled to any thing more than Militia, altho' *they* are not usually called out for more than 60 days, whereas this company serve for 6 m$^{o}$ Lieu$^{t}$

Beach is apprehensive that the deficiency will seriously impede his making further enlistments, as many are not able to supply themselves with these articles. Gen[l] Howe suggested that some of the old tents that were used at New London, would answer very well for Bed sacks. If the State have any Blankets, I would enquire of your Excellency if these Soldiers may be supplied with one each?

Respectfully Yrs
CHA[S] SHERMAN....
Major Command[t]

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire
Sharon

[Endorsed] Major Ch[s] Sherman de bedsacks — 10. Nov[r] 1814

## EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:65]

NORWICH 11[th] Nov[r] 1814

Strictly Confidential

*My dear sir*

Finding a total stagnation of business, & having a family of ten children to support, without the requisite means within my reach, my pride is so far humbled as to say that if your excellency *approves of the plan,* I will consent to be considered & appointed Colonel of the regiment now to be raised for the defence of the state by inlistment, with the proviso that my rank as Major Gen[l] be confirmed in such manner that when serving with other troops than the regiment, I shall not be subjected to receive orders from any officers now junior to me, excepting of the US Army — — — It being my meaning that the emoluments attached by law to the commandant of the Reg[t] should limit my claim for services when confined to the duties of the regiment — — but not meaning to place myself by commanding the regiment in a situation to receive orders from those *now* junior to me in commission — — but take rank according to my Maj Gen[l] commission

I am yours very sincerely — —
EBEN : HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governor SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH

## SAMUEL W. DANA AND DAVID DAGGETT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:66]

Senate Chamber Nov$^{r}$ 12, 1814

We have the honor to acknowledge Your Excellency's letter of the 8$^{th}$ of this month, and shall be particularly attentive to your request, if the bill for a conscription to fill the regular army should be enacted — — —

With respectful consideration, we are
Y$^{r}$ Exc$^{y's}$ most ob$^{t}$
S W DANA
DAVID DAGGETT

[Superscribed] His Exc$^{y}$ JOHN COTTON SMITH Governor of Connecticut New Haven Conn. Free S W Dana

[Endorsed] Senators of Connecticut — de conscription bill acknowledging rect of my letter — — rec$^{d}$ 22. Nov$^{r}$ 1814

## JOHN L. TOMLINSON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:67]

*His Excellency*
*John Cotton Smith*
*Sir,*

At the suggestion of a number of my friends & beleiving it might be some benefit to the public, I beg leave to solicit the appointment of Notary Public — —

I am your Excellency$^{s}$
very Obed$^{t}$ & faithful Serv$^{t}$
JOHN L TOMLINSON

DERBY Nov$^{r}$
14$^{th}$ 1814

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon
[Endorsed] John L. Tomlinson Esq$^{r}$ application for office of Notary Public — Appointed and commission forwarded 2. Dec$^{r}$ 1814 —

## APPLICATION OF THEODORE HILLYER, JR.

[7:68]

We the Undersign$^{d}$ at the request of M$^{r}$ Theodore Hillyer Ju$^{r}$ State — that we are inform$^{d}$ that he has made Application for the Office of Lieut in the force about to be raised in this State agreeable to the late Act of the legislature thereof — — — And we are of Opinion, that he is Suitably qualified for that place — — And that therein we trust he will do honor to himself and his Country — — GRANBY Nov: 14. 1814 — — — —

JOSHUA R. JEWETT
JAMES LEWIS
AND$^{W}$ D HILLYER
WILLIAM LEWIS
PLINY HILLYER

[Endorsed] Theodore Hillyer Ju$^{r}$ application & Reccommendation for office

## AMHERST REYNOLDS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:69]

EAST HARTFORD 16$^{th}$ Nov 1814

*To His Excelency*
*John Cotton Smith Esq$^{r}$*

*Sir,* I take the Liberty of Appealing to your Excelency in behalf of Timothy Deming, ofiser in the Company under my Command, Stating that he was Indus$^{d}$ to enlist from my Company into that of the State Corpse Commanded by Cap$^{t}$ Charles B King, in June 1813 & at which time I had Short of 36 men Including Non Commishond, Officers Musick & privates, that I was soon After Calld on with the whole of my Company on for a tour of Duty to N London, at which time the Said Deming was the only fifer that I Cou$^{d}$ depend on, in the Company at that time,

I informd him that, there was not as Many men in the Company as the Law allowed, & Should Insist on his doing his duty the tour (or Collect of him a fine) that he performd the tour of duty to N London with me, & has Since when Calld on perform'd his Duty as a fifer when Calld on for Milatary duty — — —
Also Stating that Capt King is imposing fines on him for Neglect of Duty under his Command, Requesting that your Excelency if you See fit, will Revoke the fines & Consider him a Member of the Company under my Command, I am with due Respect your Obdt Servt

AMHT REYNOLD Capt of the
Artilery 19th Regmt Militia

[Superscribed] His Excelency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon

[Endorsed] Capt. A. Reynold — concerning a recruit — wrote Capt. Hale —

## WALTER THORP TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:70]

BLACK ROCK Novr 16th 1814

*His Excellency John C. Smith*

*Dear Sir* — on my returne home from New Haven I informed my Neighbors that we should have a guard at this place — — soon, to remain untill the winter should be severe I must however misunstood his Excellency as the troops are releived at Bridge Port — — — and General Foote says he has No orders to send any men to this place I however yet believe their must be some Mistake in the business — — the Orders may have been miscaried or General Foot may have put a wrong construction on them — — — I hower may be wholly Out of the way my self — — if so will you have the goodness to inform me as soon as convenient — — am Sir yours

Very Respectfully
WALTER THORP

N. B. their is Now 10 vessels in our harbour with valuable cargoes on bord, — Scarcely a Night passes without having from

10 to 15 Vessels in this harbour — — should it be tho' advisable I think from 20 to 30 men may be inlisted About this place — — — — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq$^{r}$ Sharon Con$^{t}$ — — — — Fairfield Nov 16 10

[Endorsed] Capt. W. Thorp — 16. Nov$^{r}$ 1814 rec$^{d}$ & answ$^{d}$ 22$^{nd}$

## ELIAS PERKINS AND JACOB B. GURLEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:71]

NEW LONDON 17 Nov'r 1814

*His Excellency*
*John Cotton Smith, Esq$^{r}$*

*Sir,*

M$^{r}$ Francis Sistare now & for some time past of Middletown but previously of New London states to us his intention of applying to your Excellency for a military Commission; we know nothing in particular of his character or talents as a military man; while here, we have understood he was Lieut. in one of the militia companies and [we] have never heard but that he discharged the duties of that office in an honorable & acceptable manner and he is considered here to be of respectable standing in Society —

We have the honor to be
your Excellency's most
obedient & very hum-
ble Servts
ELIAS PERKINS
JACOB B GURLEY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq'r Sharon

[Endorsed] Francis Sistare Middletown — Commission —

## REMONSTRANCE OF FIRST COMPANY ARTILLERY, STATE CORPS

[7:72]

SAYBROOK Nov. 17th 1814

*To His Excellency John C Smith Esq^r*
*Gov^r of the State of Connecticut*

The undersigned beg leave humbly to represent to your Excellency that they are Members of the 1st Comp^y of State Artillery, lately commanded by Capt. Geo. W Jewett who we understand has been Promoted to the rank of Maj^r and we are also informed that it is in contemplation by your Excellency to commission Lieut. W^m C. Bull as Capt. of Sd. Company — we are much attayched to the Laws and regulations of this State and wish not unnessarily to injure the feelings of Lieut. Bull, and are willing to state that we respect him as a Man & a Citizen, but as Freemen of the state we wish to be indulged in stating that Lieut. Bull does not possess the Confidence of the Company as an Officer, and that he does not possess Milletary Tallants in any way adaquate to Enable him to command the Comp^y with honor to himself, or to the company, and that if he Should be appointed to the Command the certain consequence would be that the Company would soon be Disorganised. — we wish further to state to your Excellency that Lieu^t Bull has taken a School for the winter nere 30 distant from this place — — the undersigned beg leave further to State that our 2^d Lieut. W^m Bull is a young Gentleman possessing superior Military Tallents & as an Officer has the compleat Confidence of evry member of the Company & if he might be appointed to the Command we have no hessitation in stating that in our opinion the Company would soon be fill^d up and as well Organized as any Company in the Core to which we belong

All of which is respectfully submitted by
your Excellency's most Ob^t Humb Serv^ts

STEPHEN CHALKER
DANIEL WILLIAMS
SAMUEL BUSHNELL
LINUS PRATT
} Sergts.

George Spencer
Erastus Williams } Cop.
John Dudley
Abraham Pratt
Stephen Ingham
Levi Davidson
W^M C Babcock
Ezra C Ingham
John Tully
Samuel M Tully
John Champlin
Abel Bassett
Hesekiah Post
Silvester Chalker
Ezra Chalker
William Starkey
W^M Travis Ayer
Elias Parker
Elisha Parker
Asher Bull
Benj^A Spencer
William Parker 2^d
Benjamin Williams J^r
Daniel Shipman
Jhon Mitchel 2^d
Noah Tooker
Alfred Worthington
Elijah Lord
Jonathan Pratt
Richard Williams
Achillehas Pratt
Jared Pratt
Sam^L W Pratt
Aaron Stevens

May it please your Exellency there has not been one descenting voice except those who are related to Lieut. Bull. and refuse on that account — The Company is not full and many absent — The

oppinion of those of the company who are absent perfectly coencide with ours — — as we have often had there voice upon the subject.

[Endorsed] Remonstrance of 1. Comp. artillery State troops — answ$^{d}$ 3. Dec. 1814

## REQUEST FOR A FLAG OF TRUCE

[7:73]

At a Meeting of the Rector Wardens and Vestrymen of the Episcopal Parish of S$^{t}$ George church in Jewett's City in the Town of Preston duly warned and convened this 17$^{th}$ Day of November 1814

Voted . . That his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire Governor of Connecticut be respectfully informed that we have made application for a flag to go to the commander of his Britanic Majestys Squadron off New London to endeavor to obtain a permission to pass and repass undisturb$^{d}$ in a Vessel to procure and convey Materials for a house of Public Worship which we are now building in this place

That General Cushing assured us that in his opinion the request was perfectly reasonable and proper and that he was perfectly willing to comply with it but did not consider himself Authorized without the approbation and consent of his Excellency the Governor and that on receiveing Such approbation he would cheerfully do it, therefore

Voted. that his Excellency the Governor be and he hereby is Respectfully requested to signify his approbation and consent for General Cushing to send a Flag for the above mentioned purposses in a Letter address$^{d}$ to the Clerk of this Parish and thereby confer a lasting favor upon them A true copy of Record

Attest. PERRY M HASKELL
Society Clerk

[Superscribed] His Excel$^{y}$ JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire Governor of Connecticut Sharon Jewett City C$^{t}$ Nov$^{r}$ 18$^{th}$ Paid 10

[Endorsed] Rector Wardens and vestrymen of St George Church Jewet's city for a flag of truce — 17. Novr 1814 granted — 22. Novr 1814 Vide intra —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HORATIO G. HALE

[7:74]

SHARON 18. Novr 1814

*Sir* —

It is represented to me by Capt. Amherst Reynold of the Artillery company attached to the 19th regiment of Militia that Timothy Deming a musician in his company enlisted sometime since into the company of State troops now under your command — that he has continued however to do duty in the artillery & has in consequence been fined by your predecessor

Having already delegated the power of deciding on appeals to officers designated for that purpose I give no opinion upon the merits of the present case — So much however I ought to say that it was not the intention of the law nor was it my expectation that any enlistments would be made from such corps of the militia as were themselves *formed by enlistment* — To authorize a proceedure of that kind would involve the absurdity not to say the impropriety of permitting a soldier to violate one engagement by entering into another — — — If the facts are as stated by Capt. Reynold I should advise that the fines be remitted without farther controversy & that the individual be suffered to remain in the corps where he first enlisted —

I am Sir respectfully
your ot S
J.C.S —

Capt. HORATIO G. HALE
9. Comp. 1 Regt State Corps — —

[Endorsed] To Capt. H. G. Hale

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JONAH GATES

[7:75]

SHARON 18. Nov$^{r}$ 1814

*Sir*

Your letter was duly received whilst I was at New Haven, but the pressure of other public business prevented me at that time from acknowledging the receipt of it — I made no delay however in instituting an inquiry relative to the abuses of which you complain. The result I hope will be satisfactory to yourself & advantageous to the militia — As to the other point suggested in your letter So long as it is made the duty of the Brigadier Generals to issue orders for filling vacancies within the limits of their several brigades I deem it improper to interfere unless in extraordinary cases — I should hope that Gen$^{l}$ Lusk whom I consider a very faithful officer will not deliberately neglect to comply with your request as he surely has no discretionary powers on that subject — If he however wholly refuses you will be pleased to make me a formal communication to that effect

I am Sir respectfully your
very ob$^{t}$ ser$^{t}$

Col. JONAH GATES —
[Endorsed] To Col. Jonah Gates 18. Nov$^{r}$ 1814

## JARED SCARBOROUGH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:76]

HARTFORD November 18. 1814 — —

*Sir,*

I have received a letter from General Augustine Taylor, who is now in New York, stating "that he had been informed by a friend and neighbour of M$^{r}$ Holly's from Salsbury, that he would not undertake to furnish cannon from his foundery, unless by a much larger quantity than is at present wanted for this State — — that in consequence of this information he had applied to the proprietor of the foundery in New York, who

made the same objections, stating that he could not make contracts to furnish less than some hundreds — — — That after considerable search however he had found & obtained the rfusal of several [6] pounders, & had some prospect of being able to Contract for some 12$^{s}$ & 18$^{s}$ — — — at a reasonable price & of good quality" — — From my correspondents in New York I have at the same time receiv$^{d}$ information that guns of the largest size (viz). 12$^{s}$ & 18$^{s}$ are extremely scarce and the demand for them increasing — — If the information General Taylor has receiv$^{d}$ from Salsbury is correct permit me to suggest to your Excellency, the expediency of ordering the purchase of at least the heavy guns which are wanted, to be made in New York — — — I have requested Gen$^{l}$ T. to retain the refusal of those he has seen, as long as possible, that the orders of your Excellency may be had respecting them — — —

From information already receiv$^{d}$ I have no doubt that contracts could be made in New York on good terms for powder, ball, & duck for tents — — I shall therefore be ready to commence the purchase of them, as soon as your Excellency's orders are received — —

I learn from those persons who have given the greatest satisfaction, in mounting guns for the State, that considerable time must be allowed to mount any number, in the best manner — — Your Excellency will judge therefore whether it would not be well to have some contracts immediately made that timber may be procured, & the iron work progressing — — — —

With the Consent of your Excellency I have appointed Cap$^{t}$ Walter Buddington of New Haven, Elezur Goodrich J$^{r}$ Esq$^{r}$ of Hartford, and for the present Maj$^{r}$ Hez$^{h}$ Goddard of New London Assistants, to the Quarter Master General — Your Excellencys orders with respect to the above subjects as well as all others will be executed with all the dispatch practicable — by

With the Highest Respect & Esteem
Your very obed$^{t}$ & very Hb$^{l}$ ser$^{t}$
JARED SCARBOROUGH

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon 10
[Endorsed] Col. Scarborough Q. M. G— 18. Nov$^{r}$ 1814 rec$^{d}$ 26$^{th}$ & answ$^{d}$ D$^{o}$

## WILLIAM W. WOOLSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:77]

(Nov$^{r}$)
Eagle Bank Decem$^{r}$ 15$^{th}$ 1814

*Sir*

I have taken the earliest opportunity to consult the Board of Directors of this Bank, relative to the conversation which M$^{r}$ Baldwin & myself had the honour of holding with your Excellency.

The Cashier of this Bank was directed to place to the Credit of the Treasurer *Five thousand Dollars* payable in New York Bank notes, which he accordingly did on the 10$^{th}$ Ins, and advised him thereof. The Board of Directors with the utmost willingness agreed to extend this loan to *Twenty five thousand Dollars,* — — The remaining $20,000 also pay$^{ble}$ to the State in New York notes; the whole sum repayable on the 1: July next, (with Interest,) to the Bank in its own notes, if so much is collected of said notes from the Tax payable in June, otherwise in notes of other Banks in this State.

In the present unsettled situation of the monied Institutions in this State & elsewhere, it is an object with the Directors to call in their circulation as speedily as they can, and to avoid Claims against this Bank from other Banks; The Board would feel under a particular obligation to your Excellency, if as you suggested in the conversation above alluded to, your good offices could be so exerted, as to prevent the notes of this Bank which shall be received on the tax payable in February from being paid into any other Bank, except as a special deposit; and to allow this Bank to exchange them for such notes of the Banks of this State as may then be convenient for us, or cause them to be paid out in such way as may be least injurious to this institution.

with very great respect,
I have the honor to be
Your obed Serv.
Wm W Woolsey Pres

His Excellency
Governor Smith.

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C. Smith Sharon Conn
[Endorsed] Wm W. Woolsey Esq. 15th Decr (Novr) 1814 recd & answd 26th

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CHARLES SHERMAN

[7:78]

Sharon 18. Novr 1814

*Sir*

The tow-cloth tents by a resolve of the Assembly are expressly ordered to be sold — It is not therefore in my power so far to repeal a solemn act of the legislature as to give them a different destination. I regret that the idea of converting them into bed-sacks had not been Suggested at an earlier period as it is undoubtedly the best use to which they could have been applied — The state has no blankets in store to my knowledge — At the first meeting of the Council of Safety I will endeavour that some arrangements shall be made for the comfort of the volunteers in service — —

I am Sir respectfully your
obt Sert — —

Major Sherman
[Endorsed] To Major Sherman 18. Novr 1814

## RECOMMENDATION OF STERLING B. DIBBLE

[7:79]

We the Undersignd at the request of Lieut Sterling B. Dibble — — — State that he has been a Lieut in the first Light Infantry Company in the 18th Regiment of Connecticut Militia for the Term of about five Years — — and that in said Company and Regiment he has served to our best knowledge with General

Satisfaction — — And that in the late tour in New-london he Actually Served — until regularly dismiss[d] — — — We would further state that we consider him well qualified to take the lead as Captain in the Corps about to be raised agreeable to a late Act of the Legislature of this State — — —
GRANBY Nov[r] 18[th] 1814 — — — —

JOSHUA R. JEWETT
JAMES LEWIS
AND[W] D HILLYER
WILLIAM LEWIS
PLINY HILLYER

[Endorsed] Recomend of Starling B Dibble &c

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOSEPH TRUMBULL

[7:80]

SHARON 19. Nov[r] 1814

*Dear Sir*
It was my intention as I informed you to submit to the consideration of the Assembly in the course of their late session the subject of compensating you for your services as my military aid — whilst I was on the point of doing this I was led from conversation with certain gentlemen & particularly with the Paymaster General, to believe that the officer just mentioned is sufficiently authorized to pay you for the time you was in service — — *The length of time* is the only point to be ascertained — And I apprehend a rule may be adopted which will prove in a degree satisfactory to you — I shall probably be in Hartford before many weeks elapse & will then endeavour to assist you in forming a correct estimate — At present I will only remark that in my opinion you ought to be considered as under pay at least during the times I have been at Hartford N. London & elsewhere on business regarding the operations of the war — The aggregate in both years will be considerable, altho I readily admit far below your just due — If you think of a more eligible mode of adjustment be pleased to communicate it — The pay & emoluments I now understand will be those of a Lieut Col. Com[t] with an extra allowance as aid — — —

In haste I am Dr sir sincerely
Your friend —

Col. TRUMBULL —
[Endorsed] To Col. Trumbull

## PETER B. GLEASON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:81]

HARTFORD 21st November 1814.

*sir,*

Perceiving the Legislature contemplate the conversion of four of the Militia Troops of Cavalry into Flying or Horse Artillery — and that they have authorized your Excellency to select and form the Companies into that species of force, and provide them with Ordnance &c. — — Believing the first Troop of the first Regiment will be willing to form one of these Companies, if suitably encouraged; and believing the Capt. of this Troop well qualified for such a command, as he is a man of science, having been a practitioner at the Bar, tho' at present a Merchant; — I am desirous to be informed of your Excellency's views on the subject. Permit me, therefore, to make the following inquiries:

1. Whether the Company of Horse Artillery will consist of more men than a Troop of Cavalry? —
2. What number of Guns and weight of metal?
3. What number of Warrant officers?
4. How trace and Caisson horses are to be provided and expenses paid? —
5. What will be the rank and post of Horse Artillery in Squadron or Regiment?
6. What restrictions or rather latitude will be allowed in recruiting? — And any other general and particular information.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your Excellency's obedient servant
P. B. GLEASON

His Excellency Gov. SMITH
Sharon

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esq Sharon pr. post.-paid
[Endorsed] Major P. B. Gleason de Horse artillery — rec$^{d}$ 2. Dec$^{r}$ answ$^{d}$ 3$^{rd}$ — —

## ISAAC D. BULL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:82]

HARTFORD Nov$^{r}$ 21$^{st}$ 1814 — — —

*Sir*

Your order of the 11$^{th}$ Ultimo directing me "to assist the Sheriff of the County of Hartford with the force under my command when thereto requested by him, in those cases wherein by law he may require military aid in executing the duties of his office", was handed me by Col$^{l}$ Ward after your departure from this City, which prevented my calling on your Excellency for further instructions incident to the order as above — I however made such arrangements immediately with the Quarter Master Generals' department for a supply of Cartridge Boxes and fix'd ammunition as would enable the Guards to act efficiently in case their services should be wanted — — — —

The Legislature having by Act of May 1802 authorized "the Company by their major vote with the approbation of the Captain thereof, to establish an uniform of Dress & Accoutrements", the pattern of Cartridge Boxes determined on the same year, in manner prescribed by the Act, and now in use, is such as was supposed well calculated for parade or for any other duty that might be required of the Company as Guards of the Governour and Legislature, will receive but eight rounds of Cartridges, and which from the circular form of the Box are not easily drawn therefrom, renders them entirely unfit for any other purpose than those for which they were originally calculated, and as the new arrangement for supplies from the Arsenal make it necessary for me to procure an order for Cartridge Boxes & fix'd Ammunition, that may be wanted by the Company, I have [though]t best to apply direct to your Excellency for it, which as the roll of Non Commissioned Officers & privates is now full will require One hundred and twelve

Boxes, allowing to the Sergeants *Muskets* instead of Espontoons, the former of which I think most proper for service, although the Espontoon & Hanger has been for many years used by them for all duty heretofore required — The number of Cartridges as may seem to your Excellency most suitable will be acceptable for the use of the Company — both the Boxes & Cartridges to be kept in the Arsenal, subject to my control, or to be placed in my hands, as may appear most expedient, but I should prefer to leave both in the Arsenal, as I cannot procure a safe deposit for them nearer the State House —

As the Musicians of the Company (present number twenty six) are entirely unarmed, and it appearing to me improper that they should remain so, from a doubt respecting my powers to make an order *requiring them to arm,* I have to request your Excellency' wishes respecting them — —

All the Muskets for the use of the Company I have lately had put in complete repair — — the Company except a fourth Lieu$^{t}$ lately chosen, (who has been I am informed promoted to Captain of the first Company, first Reg$^{t}$ Cavalry,) one Fifer, and one member of the Band is complete as to numbers — and with the exception of a few recruits, are for the opportunities had well disciplined, and I trust ready to obey any call of their Captain General — —

I am with great respect
Your Excellency' Most Hble Serv$^{t}$
Isaac D. Bull
Major Commd$^{t}$ first Comp$^{y}$ Gov$^{r}$ f$^{t}$ Gds

His Excellency
Governour Smith — —
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour Smith Sharon
[Endorsed] Major I. D. Bull 21. Nov$^{r}$ 1814 rec$^{d}$ 25$^{th}$ answ$^{d}$ 26$^{th}$

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO PERRY M. HASKELL

[7:83]

Sharon 22. Nov$^{r}$ 1814 —

*Sir*

Pursuant to the request of the Rector wardens & vestrymen

of the episcopal parish of S^t^ George's church in Jewett city (Preston) I enclose my official assent to their application for a flag of truce as expressed in their vote of the 17^th^ instant —

Should the flag go and the desired permission be obtained it is probable the latter as in a former instance — will be signified in a communication addressed to me — in which case, to save time, I authorize you or any other officers of the parish to open & make such use of it as may be necessary & proper —

I am Sir respectfully your
obedient servant

M^r^ Perry M. Haskell —

Clerk of the parish &c—

[On second page of 7:83]

State of Connecticut —

Whereas it is represented to the undersigned, Governour of Said State, by the Rector Wardens and Vestrymen of the Episcopal parish of S^t^ George's Church in Jewett's city in the town of Preston that they have made application to Brigadier General Cushing commanding the United State's troops in New London for a flag to go to the Commander of His Britannic Majesty's Squadron off New London for the purpose of obtaining permission to pass & repass undisturbed in a vessel to procure and convey materials for a house of public worship which they are now building in that place, and that the Said Brigadier General Cushing has informed them that in his opinion the request is reasonable & has assured them of his readiness to comply with the Same provided the approbation & consent of the undersigned be thereto obtained — — therefore,
Believing the object of the foregoing application to be highly laudable & that no improper use will made of the desired indulgence I do hereby signify my entire assent thereto and my earnest request that the Same may be granted So far as may be consistent with existing laws & regulations — —

Given under my hand the twenty second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fourteen

## JEREMIAH STURGES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:84]

MILL RIVER in FAIRFIELD Nov$^{r}$ 22$^{nd}$ 1814

*His Excell$^{y}$ John Cotton Smith Esq$^{r}$*

*sir*

I have this day agreable to Orders Rec$^{d}$ p$^{r}$ Maj$^{r}$ Sherman Dismis$^{d}$ the Guard in this place, and I am a little Doubtfull Whether thare has not been some interference by the Gent$^{m}$ Who Stile themselves (altho Self Created) a Commt$^{ee}$ of Safety and Defence for the Town of Fairfield, to Debar us the priviledge of the small Guard we have had here in Order to obtain One for themselves at Black Rock, but I beg leave to inform Your Excellency that a Small Guard is Equally as Necessary here now as it was heretofore and Request your Excellency will Grant its Renewal if Consistent with the plan of Defence adopted for the Sea Coast, I also beg leave to inform your Excellency that the Guard has Never Rec$^{d}$ a Cent of pay for there Services, and I know not Whare to apply for it, I have Wrote to Pay Master Goddard Twice on the Subject but have Rec$^{d}$ no Answer from him, but he has Since been to Bridgeport & pay$^{d}$ the Troops thare, and I am inform$^{d}$ that he will not pay us in Consequence of our being ordered into Service by the Authority of the United States, Which is a thing that I nor no one of the Guard had the least idea of, tharefore I would Request your Excellencys Attention to the Order of Detachments and the Letter you Wrote me on the Subject Dated July 23. 1814 by both of Which We are placed in the Same Situation as the Militia of the State when in Actual Service, and by Which Orders I have Conducted the Guard, and I beg your Excellency will inform me What Cource to pursue for Obtaining their pay —

I am sir Respectfully
Your Excellency Most Obed$^{t}$
Humble Serv$^{t}$ &c.
JEREMIAH STURGES

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq$^{r}$
Sharon Fairf$^{d}$ 22 Nov$^{r}$—

[Endorsed] Capt. Jer$^{h}$ Sturges 22. Nov$^{r}$ 1814 rec$^{d}$ 29$^{th}$ answ$^{d}$ 2 Dec$^{r}$

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WALTER THORP

[7:85]

SHARON 22. Nov$^{r}$ 1814

*Sir* —

Your letter of the 18$^{th}$ instant is received — Previous to my departure from New Haven the Command of all the militia in service on the coast was assigned to Major Charles Sherman. In his instructions is the following clause —

"The force now at Bridgeport consisting of a Subaltern's command is to be divided between that post & Black-rock in such manner as will best secure the Safety of both posts" — —

Major Sherman proceeded first to N. London with a view to the reduction of the force at that post — I presume he has been with you before this & has conformed to his orders as above recited —

I am Sir your ob$^{t}$ ser$^{t}$

Capt. WALTER THORP —

P. S. The Council of Safety will be soon convened, when I shall lay before them the question of posting guards for the winter —

[Endorsed] To Capt. Thorpe

## CHARLES SHERMAN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:86]

NEW HAVEN 23 Nov$^{r}$ 1814

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq*
*Captain General*
*Sir*

I returned to this place last evening, after visiting the several places pointed out in my Instructions, & shall now in compliance with your Exellency's commands, communicate a particular account of my doings. —

I arrived at New London on Monday the 14$^{th}$ ins$^{t}$ & after ac-

quainting Major Barnum with my Instructions, I enquired if the Troops were in readiness to be mustered that day? He replied that they were not, as the Muster Rolls were not prepared, & the afternoon of that day was assigned for a Court Martial. On the 15th therefore I mustered & discharged all the Militia at New London, & on the 16th they were paid by Major Goddard.

My Instructions were to detain from the Militia a Subalterns guard for that place. Having mentioned this to the Officers, I found no Subaltern or private willing to remain. But being informed by Major Goddard that his brother, the Hon: Calvin Goddard, Genl Isham, & some other respectable gentlemen, thought it would be expedient to attempt raising a *volunteer guard* from the inhabitants, to serve in place of the Militia, & presuming from my Instructions relative to a guard at Stonington, that such a plan would fully meet your Excellencys views, I consented to it. A paper was immediately handed round, & in a few hours the requisite number were enlisted under Mr Robert Colefax. This person has been a Sea Captain, & was highly reccommended by Genl Isham. The men enlisted are principally Sailors, & well acquainted with the nature of water craft. All the inhabitants of New London with whom I conversed, declared themselves well pleased with this arrangement, & expressed their opinion that the citizens would feel more secure with such a guard than with one composed of Militia from the interior. It will perhaps be necessary for your Excellency to Commission Mr Colefax as a Lieut.

On the 18th I proceeded to Mistic in company with Major Goddard, & finding the Sergts guard there anxious to return home, I made another attempt to enlist a guard from the inhabitants, & with success. I appointed Sergeant Roswell Packer of that place, *Sergeant of the Guard.*

We then proceeded to Stonington, & after conversing with the Burgesses, I concluded to discharge all the Militia, & immediately enlisted a Sergeants guard to serve until the 1st of March, unless sooner discharged, & appointed Sergt Peleg Hancox of that place, Sergeant of the guard.

We then returned by way of New London, & arrived at

Saybrook on the 19th. Capt Nathl Farrand of Washington, who was stationed at that place, had absented himself without leave & gone home, & the highest officer in command present, was a Sergeant, having under him 40 men. Capt F had been absent about a week. I however sent for Lieut Bulkley, who (with the remainder of this company) was stationed at Killingworth, & immediately mustered & discharged the men. A subalterns guard was then raised in the same manner as at New London, & I appointed Lieut Walker of the State troops (of that place) to the command. Lieut Walker was recommended to me as a good officer & a discreet man. The enlistment of this guard, has I believe, given general satisfaction.

We then proceeded to Killingworth, where, after discharging the Militia, another volunteer guard was raised, & I appointed Sergt Leet Hurd of that place, Sergeant of the Guard. The volunteer guards, except at Stonington, are all enlisted for 30 days from the 9th of Nov, unless sooner dischargd.

On Monday the 21st I arrived at Fairfield, & there had an interview with Capt Jeremiah Sturges of Mill River. Having communicated my instructions, he expressed his surprize that the guard were not to be paid by the state. I informed him that it was your expectation at the time the guard were ordered into Service, that they were to be *paid* & susbisted by the United States, — — — that the U. S. stood pledged to make payt in all cases of this kind; & that our State law respecting volunteers, was predicated upon this idea. He replied that he had never recd any orders from the United States whatever — — that your Excellency had ordered the guard out, & in the order, mentioned that they were to be subsisted by the U. S, without saying any thing respecting their pay; — but that, as you had informed him by letter, they were under the same regulations & stood on the same footing as Militia when calld into service, he naturally expected that they would be paid in the same manner. He said that the United States had never withdrawn their support, — — that Capt Northrop of Fort Hale, acting under orders recd from Col Kingsbury, still countersigned his orders for rations, — — & that he had now on hand rations

for 14 days, & that the order for rations previous to the last, was countersigned both by Cap$^{t}$ Northrop & Co$^{l}$ Sanford. He also mentioned the example of the Militia at New London: they having rec$^{d}$ their rations from the U.S. & their pay from the state. He then shewed me your Excellency's Order & Letter: I replied that I would state these things to your Excellency, & he must immediately dismiss the guard, which he agreed to.

On the 22$^{nd}$ I went to Black Rock, in company with Co$^{l}$ Burr & several other gentlemen. The Inhabitants have thrown up an excellent Breast Work near the place where the old one stood last war, & built at a short distance therefrom, very convenient & comfortable Barracks, with a good Kitchen adjoining. The people of Fairfield generally, as well as at Blackrock appear greatly interested in having a Subalterns guard stationed there, to be continued thro' the Winter. By a representation to the Ordnance department of the U. S. of their exposed situation, & the advantages of their Harbour for the security & protection of shipping, they have succeeded in obtaining from thence two very fine 18 p$^{rs}$ & 2 Brass 6 p$^{rs}$, well mounted, with every necessary appendage complete. Unless a suitable guard is furnished thro' the winter it is to be apprehended that this valuable Ordnance will be taken away.

I then returned to Bridgeport, & after conversing with some gentlemen of that place, I left orders with Lieu$^{t}$ Sam$^{l}$ Smith on that station, to send a sergts guard immediately to Black Rock.

Lieu$^{t}$ Beach, of the Fort on Prospect Hill, has enlisted about 20 Men — — — —

Solicitous that my proceedings may be sanctioned by your approbation I am Respectfully Ys

CHA$^{S}$ SHERMAN Major — — —

24$^{th}$ Cap$^{t}$ Farrand has just called upon me. He expresses regret at his conduct, & pleads the embarass$^{d}$ state of his family in extenuation. I have recommended him to call upon your Excellency & state his case. I could not discharge my duty without reporting him — — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire
Sharon Mail

[Endorsed] Major Charles Sherman — 23. Nov^r Mailed 25^th rec^d 30^th answ^d 2. Dec^r

## EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO EPAPHRODITUS CHAMPION

[7:87]

NORWICH 24 Nov^r 1814

*My dear sir*

This day I had the honor to receive from the Honorable the Secretary at War a letter in reply to mine in October last — — — On reflecting on the subject I am induced to believe M^r Munroe was led into an error by my misdating the copy of the account; as by the account inclosed it was dated in 1814 when it should have been dated in 1813 I have altered the date & inclose it again (I reluctantly give you any trouble on the subject — — & equally so to M^r Munroe) — — & which I presume both him & you will readily perceive alters the appearance of the account in an essential manner — — — — The account originated in consequence of the alarm the last year at New London, where by the executive of this state I was ordered on the respective duties originating the charges, & I had the assurance from M^r Secretary Armstrong that the proceedings of the executive of this state was highly approved by the President, & that the expenses attending the calling out of the Militia should be paid by the United States — — I am of the opinion that the other bills have been forwarded to the war department, audited & paid — — — — I have not the least doubt that M^r Munroe would have given a different reply to my letter, had I not misdated my account in copying it —

I am my dear sir with esteem,
your humble servant

EBEN: HUNTINGTON

The Honorable E CHAMPION

[On inner leaf of the foregoing letter]

## EPAPHRODITUS CHAMPION TO JAMES MONROE

*The Hon. The Secretary of War*

*Sir* — Since I left the War Office to-day I have convers'd with my colleague Mr Law who belongs to New London — He says that the United States ships were driven into New London harbor on the 1st of June 1813 He immediately left Congress and return'd to his family at New London — Decatur and Burbeck were extremely solicitous as well as the inhabitants of New London for the Governor to order the militia into service at New London — The Governor accordingly order'd out a considerable force commanded by Major Genl Williams who were paid including the Majr Genl and suit by the United States — Great alarm existed at the time all along the sea shore in Connecticut — —

The services of Genl Huntington were required by the same authority and at the same time of those of Genl Williams —

I annex this to Genl Huntington's letter which I might have left with his account.

I am very respectfully Sir,

Your most obedient servant

EPAPHRODITUS CHAMPION

WASHINGTON
Decr 8th 1814

## ELIZUR GOODRICH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:88]

NEW HAVEN Novr 25. 1814

*sir*

I returned home yesterday, without effecting, in any respect the object of my Journey. The causes, which have conspired to derange all money transactions, at the South and West are operating in the north and east: and the pressure is of course so severe, than nothing can be effected by a issues made from their monied Institutions

I am sir with sentiments
of esteem and respect
your humble servant
ELIZUR GOODRICH

His Excellency
Governor SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq
Sharon Connecticut via Litchfield 10

[Endorsed] Hon. Elizur Goodrich 26. Nov^r 1814 de Loan —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ISAAC D. BULL

[7:89]

SHARON 26. Nov^r 1814

*D^r Sir* —

Your letter of the 21^st instant is received — I have directed the Q.M. General to supply you with fixed ammunition & cartridge-boxes agreeably to your desire — the latter only for the particular occasion to which you refer —

I trust the company will see the importance of furnishing themselves immediately with such *accoutrements* as are calculated for *actual* Service — Their high character for discipline and appearance will certainly induce them to exhibit to their brethren in arms an example worthy of imitation in *every* respect — — —

I fully concur with you in opinion that the Sergeants should be armed with muskets — I also think the musicians will do well to consult their own safety by arming themselves, but entertaining some doubts as to the propriety of issuing an order to this effect I must postpone it for further consideration — —

I am D^r Sir with very great regard
& esteem your ob^t & hm Ser^t

Major I. D. BULL —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JARED SCARBOROUGH

[7:90]

SHARON 26. Nov^r 1814 —

*Sir*

The President & Directors of Eagle bank offer to loan the state an additional sum of $20.000 — *in bills of N. york banks* — I have advised the treasurer to accept the proposition unless he has already succeeded in filling the temporary loan from other sources — This advice is given principally with a view to enable you to make the purchases authorized by the legislature at the last Session — or at least to commence them & in the hope that bills of that description may answer your purpose, — Accordingly I now request you pursuant to several resolutions of the Gen^l Assembly to purchase for the Service of the State, Six tons of powder, three tons of Cannon shot suitably Assorted, two thousand stands of muskets, eighteen Six pound iron Guns — four twelve pound iron guns, and four eighteen pound iron guns — You will also procure one hundred tents made of Duck or some other Substantial cloth, durable & fit for that service & cause to be sold all the tow-cloth tents now owned by this state *unfit for service* & place the avail to the credit of your department — You will like wise make sale of all the powder now owned by this state as soon as you shall be able to replace it with other powder fit for service & credit the avails in like manner —

In making the foregoing purchases you will be governed as well by the public wants as the state of our funds — Powder is an article of the first necessity — You will feel the importance of being particular that it is of standard proof & of *an uniform quality* — A deficiency in both of these respects has rendered it necessary in the opinion of the legislature to sell the supply on hand procured by your predecessor — — The Shot, Cannon, & tents are also of more consequence at the present moment than the muskets — A contract however for the article last mentioned should be seasonably made as it will doubtless require considerable time to complete the number ordered —

To prevent misapprehension respecting the order lately issued

from your department I think it necessary to observe that the military officer of highest grade in every city town or borough of the state is not *of course* authorized to draw on you for military supplies *to an unlimited amount* — You will yourself judge of the exigency (excepting where an express order issues from the commander in chief) & will also have regard to the quantity really required by the occasion as well as the probable draughts upon the arsenal from other quarters —

Whilst I am writing your favour of the 19th instant is received — It is indeed very doubtful whether the Cannon can be made for us at Salisbury. If therefore those of a good kind & reasonable price are to be obtained in New York I think the opportunity should be embraced — I must however remark that the 6 pounders are wanted for field artillery & should therefore be as light as possible consistently with strength — Old castings are unreasonably heavy — Those of Foxhall's cast are doubtless the best — Particular attention should be paid not only to the proof but to the smoothness of the bore — If the guns have been long cast & exposed to weather more or less corrosion must have taken place — I also think you calculate wisely in proposing to contract for timber &c to mount them —

I readily consent to the appointment of Walter Buddington of New Haven, Elizur Goodrich Jr. Esq of Hartford and Major Hezh Goddard of New London as your deputies —

You will be pleased to signify to me what sums you require for the public service & an order shall be drawn on the Comptroller accordingly —

I am Sir respectfully your
obet & hm Sert

P. S. The first comp. of Govr foot guards are under orders to assist the sheriff of Hartford county if necessary &c. The Comt asks for a supply of fixed ammunition & also cartridge boxes for his men as those they now have are not suitable for service — He wishes these articles kept at the arsenal subject to his order in case of emergency — You are hereby requested to supply him in these respects — The company will be ordered

to furnish themselves with Serviceable Cartidge boxes — until which let them be supplied for the occasion as above —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[7:91]

SHARON 26. Nov$^{r}$ 1814 —

*Sir*

I enclose a draft on the comptroller for $3000 which I presume will be wanted to pay the militia who are to be discharged in the fore part of the next month — The probability is that the money will be bills of N. York banks. I regret this circumstance but it is really the only medium we can now command — As the men reside principally in the western part of the state, where scarcely any other bills circulate, I presume they will prefer receiving them to the inconvenience of waiting for a more eligible mode of payment —

I am Sir respectfully your
ob$^{t}$ ser$^{t}$ —

Major GODDARD
P. M. General —

[Endorsed] To Major Goddard P. M. Gen$^{l}$ 26. Nov$^{r}$ 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM W. WOOLSEY

[7:92]

SHARON 26. Nov$^{r}$ 1814

*Sir* Your favour under date of *December* (Nov$^{r}$) 15$^{th}$ ought to have arrived on 17$^{th}$ instant but by an error in some postoffice missed its way & is just received —

The disposition manifested by the President & directors of the Eagle Bank to accommodate the State at this season of unexampled pressure entitles them to my warmest acknowledgments — — How far the Treasurer has succeeded in filling the temporary loan authorized at the last session I am not yet informed — I have written him requesting that your offer may be accepted if the loan is not already effected —

It is not in my power to *order* the arrangement you desire

relative to the notes of your bank which may be received on the tax due in February — but I have intimated to the Treasurer that in my opinion it is a reasonable indulgence & ought to be granted so far as may be consistent with the public interest — and that I am unable to perceive in what way the latter can be in the least affected — by it —

With very great respect I am
Sir your ob$^{t}$ & humble ser$^{t}$

W$^{M}$ W. Woolsey Esqr
President Eagle Bank

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ANDREW KINGSBURY

[7:93]

Sharon 26. Nov$^{r}$ 1814 —

*Sir*

I have received a proposition from the Eagle Bank through their President to loan the state "$20,000 in addition to the $5000 already furnished, payable in Newyork bank notes — The whole to be refunded on the 1. July next (with interest) to the bank in its own notes if so much shall be collected on the June tax otherwise in notes of other banks in this state" — If you have not already effected the temporary loan under the resolve of the last session & have no prospect of more advantageous terms I think the present offer should be accepted — The Q. M. General will doubtless be able to make his purchases, especially the important article of gun-powder, in the bills of N. York banks — The militia now on duty will be discharged between the first & 9$^{th}$ of the next month and as they reside principally in the Western parts of the state where those bills are almost the only medium I presume they will prefer receiving them to the inconvenience of waiting for a more eligible mode of payment —

The Eagle bank request, not as a condition of the above loan but as a favour, that such of their notes as shall be received on the tax payable in February may not be paid into any other bank except as a special deposit and to allow the bank to exchange them for such notes of other banks in the state as may then

be convenient for them — or cause them to be paid out in such way as may be least injurious to that institution —

It is not within my province to give any directions upon this subject — If however the public interest will not be affected by such an arrangement as I do not perceive that it will, it strikes me that the indulgence is reasonable and as far as may be practicable ought to be granted — Of this nevertheless you are the sole judge and of your disposition to do equal justice to the several monied institutions of the state there can be no doubt —

With the highest regard & esteem
I am Sir your ob$^{t}$ & h$^{m}$ ser$^{t}$
J. C. S —

A. Kingsbury Esq. Treasurer —
[Endorsed] To A. Kingsbury Esq. 26. Nov$^{r}$ 1814

## NORMAND KNOX TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:94]

Phoenix Bank. Hartford Nov$^{r}$ 28$^{th}$ 1814

*Sir*

This Bank by their charter are to pay into the State Treas$^{y}$ on the 6$^{th}$ Jan$^{y}$ next, Twenty five thousand Dollars, among the Bills of the different Banks enumerated by s$^{d}$ Charter to be received for the Instalm$^{s}$ on the Stock, are those of the Banks in the State of New York, We are now receiving for the 3$^{d}$ instalm$^{t}$ Bills of any Banks current in the city of New York. Being inform'd that the State are in want of money, we would advance to them Five thousand Dollars in Bank Bills on such Banks as are received at the Banks in the city of New York, on Loan, which sum shall be apply'd in payment of part of said $25,000 — — We expect to pay the State in Bank Bills of this description, and should be glad to do it now, as it might be a saving of Interest to us, & no loss to them, If Sir this proposal meets your approbation, or not, should esteem it a favour to receive your reply as soon as you can give it with convenience

I am Sir with great Respect
Y$^{r}$ ob$^{t}$ Serv
Norm$^{D}$ Knox Pres$^{t}$

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire
Sharon Conn$^{t}$
[Endorsed] N. Knox Esq$^{r}$ Phoenix Bank — 28. Nov$^{r}$ 1814 rec$^{d}$
2$^{nd}$ Dec$^{r}$ answ$^{d}$ 3$^{rd}$

## CORNELIUS SHEPARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:95]

HEBRON 29$^{th}$ Nov. 1814 — —

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire,*

*Sir,* — —Mr. Ralph Gilbert is desirous of obtaining a Captain's or 1$^{st}$ Liut's Commission in the Military force which may be "raised at you Excellency's discretion for the defense of this State." — —

From Col$^{s}$ Isham, Buell, Whittlesey, Deming — from Brigadier Gen. Salter, & from a number of other distinguished citizens, Mr. Gilbert has had the most ample recommendations to your Excellency & to the Honorable the members of the Council for his moral & political character, & his handsome military talents & attainments. — — —

He has applied to me, his Colonel, for a recommendation which I cheerfully give him. — — — He is a young man of good talents & attainments of a liberal education, & admitted to the Bar. — — He possesses a fund of military information, & would do honor to the service in the capacity of Captain Lieutenant or any other higher office which Your Excellency and the Council should please to give him. — — —

I beleive he might (if he thought it necessary) obtain a similar recommendation to the above from every Officer of his acquintance in my Regiment to which he belongs — — —

Your Excellency's humble Serv$^{t}$
CORNELIUS SHEPARD

I concur in the above Recommendation
COLUMBIA Novem$^{r}$ 29$^{th}$ — 1814 SAMUEL WEST J$^{r}$

I cheerfully subscribe to the above Recommendation
HEBRON December 5th 1814 PIERCE DARROW

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Hartford Conn^t By politeness of Elisha Stearns Esquire
[Endorsed] Ralph Gilbert Hebron Subaltern

## ANDREW KINGSBURY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:96]

Treasury Office HARTFORD Novem^r 30^th 1814

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq^r*

*Sir*

yours of the 26^th I rec^d yesterday. I have not been able to obtain any part of the $50000 loan, and I cannot here obtain money on better terms than has been proposed by the Eagle Bank — — I verry much regret that the State are under the necessity of making a Loan in the bills of the banks of the State of New York, for the purpose of purchasing munitions of War or paying the Militia now in Service. — — — The persons from whom the purchases will be made will probably loose nothing — but the Soldier must loose the discount on the bills which in New York at this time is from 18 to 20 PCent — — if Specie or Boston remittance can be considered as the standard — — — Eagle and Bridgport bills are now almost the only ones rec^d in payment into the Treasury (principally Eagle) these I pay out for School money orders to the Socities throughout the State they will of course become a considerable part of the current Connecticut bills and will be collected & paid into the Treasury for Taxes &c &^c and I am of opinion that there will be paid into the Treasury upon the June Tax a Sum sufficient to repay the proposed loan — — — —

I do not know but that the Gentlemen Directors of the Eagle Bank may suppose that I am treating their Bank unfairly if so this supposition cannot arise from facts — — After the Eagle Bank ceased paying Species I did not receive into the Treasury their bills 'till so directed by the Legislature since which I have not deposited one dollar of them in the Hartford or any other Bank nor can I in the Hartford Bank but for safe keeping or Special deposit, my recepts are principally in those bills or course I have little choice in making payments of de-

mands on the Treasury and cannot feel myself accountable for any injurious effects that such payments may have upon that institution. It certainly will be the case that those Connecticut bills which are considered of the least value will be the ones which will be paid into & of course must be p^d^ out of the Treasury — — I hope that all the bills issued by the banks in this State will soon be of the same value

with due respect & much Esteem
I am your Excellencys most ob^t^
& humble serv^t^ A KINGSBURY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq^r^
Sharon Connecticut

[Endorsed] Treasurer Kingsbury 30. Nov^r^ 1814 rec^d^ 6. Dec^r^

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CHARLES SHERMAN

[7:97]

SHARON 2. Dec^r^ 1814

*Sir*

I avail myself of the earliest mail to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23^rd^ ultimo —

The resolve of Assembly authorizing the Commander in Chief to raise volunteer-guards, limits the number for the whole coast, with the exception of New Haven, to one hundred men, and expressly directs that the officers both commissioned and non commissioned shall *be detached from the militia* — No authority is given to make any new appointments whatever — —

It results then necessarily that your arrangements from Stonington to Killingworth inclusive (however judicious in themselves) exceed my powers as far as they do your instructions — — The embarrassing circumstances into which the men are thrown, who are now on duty at those posts must be apparent, and show clearly the inconvenience, to say no more, of departing from orders, Although done, as in the present instance, with the very best intentions. If you had despatched an express to me from N. London you might in thirty six hours, as has been repeatedly the case, have received new instructions, and such as would have conformed to the intentions of the legislature — I shall meet

the Council of Safety in Litchfield on the 7th instant and will then take their advice upon the subject — but I am apprehensive some act of the general Assembly will be necessary to sanction your proceedings before the men, certainly those you have designated as officers, can receive their pay; and it will be requisite for you to give immediate notice to the Pay Master General of the views which I am reluctantly obliged to entertain of this transaction — Possibly Lieut. Walker may be recognized as coming within the spirit, tho' not the letter, of the resolution; but this will merit consideration — —

It is not yet determined whether guards will be maintained for the winter at any other port than Stonington — If the volunteers now raised at that place will continue & consent to serve under a Sergeant from the Militia, you will cause one to be detached from the regiment in that vicinity, provided a suitable character can be found, & put the guard under his command —

I doubt not you will close the residue of the Service assigned to you, as already directed. The errour into which you have been betrayed I am entirely sensible is of the head only, and there will be every effort on my part to remedy it, as far as it can be done, and in a way the least injurious to your feelings.

I am Sir respectfully your
obt Servant

Major Sherman —
[Endorsed] To Major Sherman —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JEREMIAH STURGES

[7:98]

Sharon 2. Decr 1814

*Sir,*

I have received your letter of the 22nd ulto and in reply have to observe, that at the last session of the Assembly the resoluion was repealed which authorized me to pay the troops ordered into service at the request of the general government — The guard at Mill-river having been expressly included in a requisition from Genl Kingsbury then commanding at N. London must be considered as coming within the act of the legislature just

mentioned — The P. M. General had orders from me early in the season to pay all troops of the above description — Your men were certainly as much entitled to it in my opinion as the others and must have received their wages at the end of the service if the authority for that purpose had not been revoked — That they are entitled to pay from the U. S. there can be no doubt — —

I am Sir respectfully your
obt Ser —

Capt. J. Sturges
N. B. The extra allowance of two dollars per month given by the state will be paid by the P. M general

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO NORMAND KNOX

[7:99]

Sharon 3. Decr 1814 —

*Sir* —

Your favour of the 28th Ulto is received — Whether we shall require the Sum you propose to advance the state, in anticipation of the instalments due from your bank in January next, will depend on the defensive arrangements it may be thought expedient to adopt prior to that day. These arrangements will be submitted to the consideration of the Council of Safety at their meeting in Litchfield on the 7th instant — After which, it will be in my power to give a definitive answer to your proposition —

I am Sir with great respect
Your obt: & hm. Servt —

N. Knox Esqr President of Phoenix Bank — Hartford —
[Endorsed] To N. Knox Esqr

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO PETER B. GLEASON

[7:100]

Sharon 3. Decr 1814 —

*Sir*

Your favour by Mr Perkins is received — To your several inquiries, which are both appropriate & important, respecting

the horse artillery authorized by the late act of the General Assembly I must defer a definite answer until after the meeting of the Council of Safety at Litchfield on the 7th instant. This subject, (with others), will be laid before the board — and I will cheerfully communicate to you the arrangement which it shall be found advisable ultimately to adopt —

I am respectfully Sir your
obt & hum Sert
J. C. S —

Major Gleason —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO STEPHEN CHALKER

[7:101]

Sharon 3. Decr 1814

*Sir*

The representation signed by yourself and other non commissioned officers & privates of the first company of artillery in the state corps is received — Soon after the promotion of Major Jewett the Governour & Council proceeded to fill the vacancy thereby occasioned in the company lately under his command — And as no objections were made the Subalterns were all promoted in due course —

Had your remonstrance been presented seasonably it would no doubt have given rise to a thorough inquiry — Under present circumstances I trust the company will demean themselves in a manner becoming the high standing they have so deservedly acquired —

I am Sir your obt &
hum. Sert.

Mr Stephen Chalker

## RECOMMENDATION FROM CHARLES WASHBURN

[7:102]

Newgate Prison Decr 3d 1814

from personal acquaintance of twelve years with Theodore Hillyer Jr three Years of which he served as a non Comis-

sioned officer under my command at NewGate Prison I can with the utmost propriety reccomend him to be a Man of Good Morals strict integraty and undanted courage — —

CHARLES WASHBURN

[Endorsed] Charles Hillyer Jr Recomend

## JAMES WARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:103]

HARTFORD Dec$^{r}$ 6. 1814

S$^{r}$ I have over drawn my account in the Hartford Bank for the Commissary department $5,060 which I engaged to pay by a Treasurer draft in pursuence of an order I expected to receiv from your Excellency. there will be demands unpaid to the 1$^{st}$ Jan$^{y}$ about $1,000.

It will be a convenience to the Controler to & I believ an advantage to the Comm$^{y}$ department to have all my bills paid & accounts prepared for settlement in the months of Jan$^{y}$ next, for the year past —

I have the honor to be
with great respect your
Humble Serv$^{t}$
JAMES WARD

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH Litchfield

[Endorsed] Col. Ward — 6$^{th}$ Dc$^{r}$ 1814 — answ$^{d}$ 7$^{th}$ & draft on controler for $6000 — & informed Col. Ward of the arrangements on the coast for the winter —

## CHARLES SHERMAN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:104]

NEW HAVEN 5 Dec$^{r}$ 1814.

*His Excellency Gov$^{r}$ Smith*

*Sir*

I rec$^{d}$ a report from Lieu$^{t}$ Beach, station on Prospect Hill, this morning: by which, it appears that he has succeeded in enlisting thirty eight non commissioned Officers & privates. Perhaps it is proper to acquaint your Excellency that Cap$^{t}$ Northrop pub-

licly threatens to take the 3 18 prs now on the Hill, by *force* if they cannot otherwise be obtained. I am inclined however to think that he will not attempt so rash an undertaking, but have enjoined the utmost vigilence upon Lieu$^{t}$ Beach, who is a prompt & I believe a determined character — —

I shall immediately write the Qtr. Master General respecting the securing of the Ordnance & property of the State, now on the Coast, as on thursday next I expect to proceed to the Eastward (in conformity to my Instructions) & discharge the guards, not having rec$^{d}$ from your Excellency any contrary orders —

Nothing particular has occurred in the state of my command since my last communication. — —

Respectfully Yrs

CHA$^{S}$ SHERMAN

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esq$^{r}$ Sharon Mail

[Endorsed] Major C. Sherman 5. Dec$^{r}$ 1814 rec$^{d}$ 9$^{th}$

## CHARLES SHERMAN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:105]

NEW HAVEN 7 Dec$^{r}$ 1814.

*His Excellency Gov$^{r}$ Smith*

*Sir*

I have just rec$^{d}$ yrs of the ins$^{t}$ — — — My communication was not sufficiently explicit, as, in one point it is entirely misapprehended — — that is, with regard to the several commanders of the guards. They are in every instance taken from the Militia, (except at New London) if state troops may be classed with Militia, in distinction from Regulars.

This being the fact, your Excellencys objections to the paying of these guards will be entirely obviated, (with the exception of the commander & 6 men at New London) as there are not more guards raised than the number authorized by Law, which the following Statement will shew — viz —

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| At Stonington | | 1 Sergt | 2 Corporals | | 12 privates | | 15 |
| " Mistic | | 1 " | 2 " | | 12 | " | 15 |
| " New London | 1 acting Sub | 2 " | 2 " | 2 music | 24 | " | 31 |
| " Saybrook | 1 Sub | 2 " | 2 " | 2 | 24 | " | 31 |
| " Killingworth | | 1 " | 2 " | | 12 | " | 15 |
| | | | | | | | 107 |
| | | deduct 1 Acting Subaltern & 6 privates | | | | | 7 |
| | | | | | | | 100 men |

I shall hand the letter rec[d] from your Excellency to Major Goddard for perusal, & after the explanations made, I think he will not hesitate to consider it as fully accomplishing your Excellencys views, to pay the one hundred men. The remaining seven, if he does not consider himself authorized to pay at present, perhaps some gentlemen at New London may be induced to advance the money, as the men are many of them in destitute circumstances, & having made some calculation upon this money it would be a disappointment to them to be kept out of it. I shall be particularly anxious to accomplish this, as they ought not suffer thro' my fault.

With regard to my having departed from my instructions, I will trouble your Excellency with only a few remarks. As these *Militia guards* were to be retained, principally with a view to afford protection to, & allay the apprehensions of those, who had *petitioned* for guards, I supposed that I was fully accomplishing your Excellencys views in adopting a plan which gave greater satisfaction, & afforded more security to the inhabitants on the coast, than by retaining the militia; who were an hundred miles distant from home, without any property exposed on the coast, & who therefore did not enter into the feelings of those people — who are anxious to get home, & represented their families to be in a suffering condition, & without suitable provision for the setting in of winter. In the arrangement made, it was believed that more efficient protection was afforded, without incurring any additional expense to the State.

As to the express, it did not at that time strike me that the business was of such a nature as to authorize the expense & delay attending it. — — —

The Stonington guard will need no alteration, as the serg$^{t}$ who was appointed to command it, is a serg$^{t}$ in that Reg$^{t}$ —

Respectfully Yrs
CHA$^{S}$ SHERMAN
Major.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq$^{r}$
Sharon 10 Mail

[Endorsed] Major Sherman 7$^{th}$ Dec$^{r}$ 1814 — rec$^{d}$ & answ$^{d}$ 16$^{th}$

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[7:106]

SHARON 10. Dec$^{r}$ 1814 —

*Sir* —

The arrangements made by Major Sherman at the several posts from Stonington to Killingworth were wholly unauthorized — being equally opposed to his instructions & the resolution of the General Assembly — — His transactions therefore cannot be sanctioned — At the same time the volunteers employed by him, that is to say, the noncommissioned officers & privates must be presumed not to have known of any defect in his proceedings & therefore ought not to suffer, especially as they have discharged those duties which would have been performed by the militia — The Council of Safety, to whom I have communicated the subject regret extremely the course pursued by the Major, but concur with me in opinion that the noncommissioned officers & soldiers should be paid their wages, and that the gentlemen who were designated as subalterns by Major Sherman should under the circumstances of the case wait for their pay until the pleasure of the General Assembly can be known. I trust they will ultimately be paid — —

You will be pleased therefore to conform to these ideas, & make payment accordingly to the noncommissioned officers musicians & privates — & to them only —

At the date of my last enclosing a draft upon the comptroller Major Sherman had not made his report, nor had I received any information of the course he had adopted — I am Sir &c —

J. C. S —

[Endorsed] To Major Goddard P. M. Gen$^{l}$ 10. Dec$^{r}$ 1814 —

## GERSHOM BURR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:107]

Fairfield Dec$^{r}$ 12$^{th}$ 184

Your Excellencys letter of the 8$^{th}$ Instant was deliver'd me by Sam$^{l}$ B Sherwood Esq$^{r}$ on the friday afternoon following — — Being inform'd by him that Lieu$^{t}$ A Sherman of the Bridgeport Artillery, had been mentioned by you as having been highly recommended for a commission in the new corps, and at the same time believing him fully competant; I lost no time in communicating to him the contents of your Excellencys letter, and at the same time offering him the appointment — But after deliberating on the subject until this day, he has ultimately declined accepting There being no other proper Artillery officer with whom I was acquainted, and as Your Excellency is solicitous that there should be no delay, I have thought proper to appoint John W Hanford, an Infantry officer in my Reg$^{t}$ to the command, who has accepted the trust — — I shall proceed without delay to appoint the noncommissioned Officers and am persuaded that the number of men wanted can be enlisted in a short time

I am with the highest consideration
Your Excellencys very Hum$^{l}$ Ser$^{t}$
Gershom Burr

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Esquire Sharon Conn$^{t}$ Fairfield 13 Decr.

[Endorsed] Col. Gershom Burr 12. Dec$^{r}$ 1814 rec$^{d}$ 21$^{st}$ answ$^{d}$ 24$^{th}$ & Sent orders — see within —

## LEMUEL HUBBARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:108]

Berlin December 13$^{th}$ 1814 — — —

I am under the necessity of appealing to your Excellency for relief on account of a military fine imposed by Benjamin Willcox of this Town, Captain of the eighth Battalion Company 6th

Regiment; the fine imposed is four Dollars for nonappearance at the Wethersfield Regimental Review, on the 28th day of October last — —

I claim to belong to the Governors first Company of Horse Guards, and that Capt Willcox had no right to demand my Services —

I therefore make this appeal to your Excellency from the order of Capt. Willcox — for the purpose of obtaining such relief as the Law affords — — —

LEMUEL HUBBARD

His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esquire

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire Sharon — — Paid 10

[Endorsed] Lemuel Hubbard's appeal — recd 23d Decr 1814 Issued notice 24th Decr that the case would be heard before me at Hartford on the 5th January 1815 — 4'o'clock P. M. — Parties heard — — Fine not abated —

## ANDREW KINGSBURY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:109]

Treasury Office HARTFORD Decemr 13th 1814

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire*

*Sir*

The Overseers of New Gate prison are now here for money which is due to the Captain and Guard for Wages for clothing purchased for New guard and prisoners for rations already furnished amounting to $2640 — — and for Coal & Wood already delivered $680 — — — they say that it is necessary that all this money should be paid by 1st January next and that they have no means of continuing the establishment without it — I have proposed that they should make an arrangment with the Granby collector for the payment to Granby people for the Coal & Wood — they think a part of those articles can be paid for in that way for the remainder I cannot give them much encouragemt I have no money in the Treasury excepting what has been collected on School fund bonds there is in Eagle Bank $16,2000 of the $20000 loaned, there will be due

1st January from United States Loan office $15507 . . 1 about $12500 of which is appropriated to the purchase of Bank Stock what this will be paid in (if paid) the Commissioner cannot inform me — — If the overseers of New Gate will take York money or whatever may be recd from the United States can I engage to pay them from the money at New Haven or from what may be recd from the Commissioner of Loans? Your Excellencys advice in this business will be gratefully recd — —

I am with much esteem and
due respect your Excellencys
most obt & huml servt
A Kingsbury

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Esquire Sharon
[Endorsed] Treasurer Kingsbury 13. Decr 1814 — recd 15th answd 16th

## JEREMIAH STURGES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:110]

Mill River in Fairfield Decr 15th 1814

*His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr*

*sir* Your letter of the 3rd Instt is Recvd on Which I beg your Excellency will indulge me in a few remarks, as you Observe the men in service in this place ware (in You Opinion) entitled to their Wages from the State had not the Legislature revokd the power granted you for paying Such Troops, I have to observe that Two Detachments had servd their full Tour of Duty of Sixty days Each and was dischargd and others Detachd to serve in their places before that power was revoked — agreable to your Excellency Order to me, and the third knew nothing of Such a resolution or that they ware included in Genll Kingsburys requisition Consequently it was binding them in a service that the Law did not oblige them to Enter (without their Consent) however it does not appear to me that the Enlightend Legislature of the State of Connecticut would pass an Act or resolve, (Understandingly) that would supercede any former Contract which Contract had been fulfilld in good faith on the part of the Contracted, and forbid the Contractor to fulfill on his part or the

part of the State, and in so doing rong the Poor Soldier or labourer out of his Wages, Which situation it appears these men are placed in, for had the Pay Master Gen$^{ll}$ Executed your Excellencys Order to him he would have paid the Two first Detachments their Wages when they ware Discharg$^{d}$ from Service, (which was before the power Was revok$^{d}$) as he did by others in the like Service. Consiquently the resolution of the Legislature would not have Effected them, unless the money had been Demanded back of the Soldier, which I presume would not have been the Case, Notwithstanding the present opperation of the Resolution appears to have the same Effect on us — when the United States refused furnishing the Militia with provisions we then by order of the Contractor drew our rations from the State untill Gen$^{ll}$ Taylor then Commanding at N Haven was Dismis$^{d}$ after that thare being no Militia officer to Countersign for us, it was with the greatest difficulty we Obtain$^{d}$ our last supplies from the United States

I am Sir Respectfully

Your Excellency Most obed$^{t}$ & Humb$^{l}$ Serv$^{t}$ &c

JEREMIAH STURGES — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq$^{r}$
Sharon Conn$^{t}$ Fairfield 16 Dec$^{r}$

[Endorsed] Capt. Jer$^{h}$ Sturges — 15. Dec$^{r}$ 1814 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ANDREW KINGSBURY

[7:111]

SHARON 16. Dec$^{r}$ 1814

*D$^{r}$ Sir* —

Your letter of the 13$^{th}$ instant is received —

I have this day drawn on the Comptroller in favour of the Q. M. General for $12,000 — Possibly he will not require the whole Sum immediately and I have desired him to accommodate you in this respect as far as his engagements will permit — If he has occasion however for the whole amount there will still remain a balance of the loan at Eagle Bank Sufficient I trust to cover the demand you mention, from the overseer of New Gate Prison — Should these gentlemen decline receiving the

bills in which the loan is payable I really know not how the money is to be raised to meet that object in due season —*

You are Sensible there will be due from Phoenix bank on the 6th of next month the Sum of $5000 balance of the first instalment beyond the grant to the medical institution of Yale college — The President of that bank did propose to advance the above Sum to the state in N. York bills — but I declined receiving it at the time as I was not willing to take a larger amount of that species of paper than would suffice to meet those expenditures of which I was then apprized — the Council of Safety were also of this opinion —

It is highly probable the legislature will be convened in January — Some mode I trust will then be devised to replenish the treasury more efficacious than the system adopted at the last Session —

I am Dr Sir respectfully your obt
& hm. Sert —

A. Kingsbury Esqr Treasurer —

* Little reliance probably can be placed on the reimbursement of the U. States stock — should it however be paid in *money,* I can perceive no objection to your availing yourself of the surplus beyond the appropriation for the purchase of bank stock —

[Endorsed] To the Treasurer —

## CHARLES SHERMAN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:112]

New Haven 16. Decr 1814

*His Excellency Govr Smith*

*Sir,*

I returned from visiting the several posts pointed out in my Instructions, last evening, after having mustered & discharged all the troops except the Stonington guard. Wherever posts were left vacant of troops, Major Goddard (Dep Quarter Master General) who accompanied me, took from some military Officer residing near such post, for the Ordnance & property of the State. The ordnance at Saybrook was left at the Fort, as Capt Whittelsey informed us that a guard was then enlisting

by order of your Excellency, to remain there for the winter. Gen[l] Foote of Bridgeport informed us that a guard was also enlisting to be stationed at Black Rock for the winter. This information prevented the necessity of our proceeding to that post, & the serg[ts] guard which I stationed there are sent for & mustered with those at Bridgeport. I however wrote Co[l] Burr, requesting him to take all requisite measures for the security of the Ordnance until the new guard was formed. Lieu[t] Beach of the Fort on Prospect Hill has enlisted 46 non-commissioned Officers & privates.

Major Goddard has paid the discharged troops. — — — My own period of service has now closed, in conformity to your Excellencys Instructions

Respectfully Y[rs] CHA[S] SHERMAN

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esq[r] Sharon Mail

[Endorsed] Major C. Sherman 16. Dec[r] 1814

## EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:113]

NORWICH 21[t] Dec[r] 1814

*My dear Sir*

During the present want of funds by the State, would a loan in York Money be desireable, to be reimbursed when the taxes fall due next June should the exigencies of the bank require payment at that time — — — — and to be extended for a longer period should the pressure on the bank be diminished to such an extent as will permit the extension — —

I have mentioned no sum, as our funds of that description may be diminished before we can obtain any information whether such a species of funds would be wanted — — — — but I would suggest ten or twenty thousand dollars, or between those sums

I am very respectfully
your humble servant
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governor SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH Sharon Norwich Dec 22 10

[Endorsed] Gen[l] E. Huntington President Norwich Bank — de loan — 21. Dec[r] 1814 rec[d] & answ[d] 30[th]

[On inner leaf]

SHARON 30. Dec[r] 1814

*D[r] Sir —*

Your favour of the 21[st] instant is this day received —

I shall be at Hartford the next week, From which place, after examining the state of the treasury, I will communicate a more particular reply to your proposition —

Meanwhile I am D[r] Sir your
obedient & humble sert.
J. C. S —

Major Gen[l] HUNTINGTON —

## RECOMMENDATION OF ELY A. ELLIOTT

[7:114]

SAY BROOK Dec. 22[nd] 1814 —

*His Excellency Gov[nr] Smith, —*
*Sir, —*

having been informed that Lieu[t] Ely A. Elliott has applied to your Excellency for a Capt's Commission in the Corps to be raised for the defence of this State, — we beg leave to observe, — That in our opinion, from personal acquaintance with Lieu[t] Elliott — both as an Officer, in actual service, and as a man, he is well qualified, for the station for which he has applied, — And as we are fully persuaded, that, no young Officer would more fully possess the confidence, and support of the Inhabitants, we most cordially and cheerfully reccommend him to your Excellency for that Office, — — —

But if from the multiplicity of applications, your Excellency and the Hon. — — Council should be of opinion that the command of the Companies can be confered on Gentlemen of more experience or more years, we then, Sir, in that case, should not hesitate to reccommend him, as standing as fair, and as

worthy of a first Lieutenancy, as any young Gentleman within the circle of our acquaintance. — — — — — —

We are, with great respect your — —
Excellency's most Obedient and
very humble Servants. — — —
AMBROSE WHITTELSEY Jun^r
E HART
RICH^D DICKINSON
ELISHA SILL
SAMUEL HART
SAMUEL CARTER

[Superscribed] JOHN C. SMITH Esq^r Gov^nr of State Connecticut
[Endorsed] Ely A. Elliott Killingworth Subaltern

## WILLIAM W. WOOLSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:115]

Eagle Bank NEW HAVEN Dec 22 1814

*Sir*

I had the honour to receive your Excellency's letter of 26^th ult; soon after the Treasurer notified to this Bank his acceptance of the proposition made for the loan of Twenty thousand Dollars, which was accordingly placed to his Credit, and his Certificate for both Sums viz $25000 has since been received.

In calling in their loans made to individuals, it has been the wish of the Directors of this Bank, to give to their debtors (most of whom reside in the three western Counties of the State) every practicable facility for making payments, they have accordingly received the kind of money that is principally in circulation in that part of the State, and having now the ability to lend a moderate amount, they prefer making a loan to the State, to lending to Individuals: I am accordingly instructed to mention to Excellency — —

That the Eagle Bank is willing to loan to the State a sum not exceeding *Twenty thousand Dollars,* payable in the Bills of the New York Banks, and repayable with Interest to the Bank, any time in March, in its own Notes, if so much is collected of Said

notes from the Tax payable in March, otherwise in Notes of other Banks in this State

with great respect, I am
Your Excellency's
Most obed Serv
WM W WOOLSEY Prest

His Excellency
Gov'nor SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH Sharon
[Endorsed] W. W. Woolsey Esq Eagle Bank — 22. Decr 1814
Recd 30th answd 31. —
[on inner leaf]

SHARON 30. Decr 1814

*Sir*

Your favour of the 22nd instant is received — I propose to meet the Council of Safety at Hartford the next week — The necessity of effecting further loans will depend in some measure upon the arrangements which it shall be thought advisable by the board to make for the defence of the State — — Whilst at Hartford also a more perfect knowledge of the present condition of the treasury will enable me to give an explicit reply to your proposition — I will write you from there —

I am Sir very respectfully your
obedient & humble servant

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JAMES WARD

[7:116]

SHARON 23. Decr 1814

*Dear Sir*

I have received this day a letter from Saybrook requesting to be informed in what manner the volunteer-guard stationed at Fort Fenwick are to obtain their subsistence — —

In my letter from Litchfield, by Govr Goodrich, I stated the arrangements made by advise of the Council on the sea coast for the winter — I presume you have not forgotten the post at Saybrook; but I am induced from the communication just received to remind you of it — —

The Council of Safety meet at Hartford by adjournment on the 4th of next month — at which time I hope for the pleasure of seeing you & until then I am with Sincere regards to Mrs W. & family your friend &

obt Sert —

Col. WARD

[Endorsed] To Col. Ward C. G. 23. Decr 1814

## HORACE BEACH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:117]

FORT WOOSTER 23rd Decb 1814

*John Cotton Smith Esqr*
*Govenour of St Conct*
*Sir*

In consequence of the resignation of Major Chs Sherman — I have taken the liberty of addressing you uppon a subject relating to the men under my Command

On or about the 9th Inst I inlisted into my Compy a Man by the name of John Denniss, and have advanced him about Seven dollars — last evening I gave him liberty to be absent three hours — — he did not return at the time, and on inquiry I was led to believe that he had enlisted into the service of the United States — — About 11 OClock at night, I ordered a Sergeant with eight men to accompany me into New Haven in search of him, and succeeded in finding him, we found him in the publick street alone, and arrested him as being absent without leave, and marched him over to the Fort, and when there I questioned respecting his inlisting in the U. S. Service, he confesed he had and shewed me the money he had received as Bounty, he said he was inlisted by Capt Thomas of the 25 Regt U. S. Infantry

I have consulted the states Attourney and almost every other Attourney in New Haven and they are unanimously of opinion that I can hold the man, as he is inlisted in the regular Service of this state and theirfore cannot be considered as coming under the act of Congress authoriseing the recruiting Officers of the U. S. to inlist from the militia when in actual service

Capt Thomas has demanded the man and I have refused to give him up until so ordered by your Excellency or some other superiour Officer — who is Authorised to command me — — If you will direct me how to proceed I will endeavour — Sir — to carry your orders into effect And remain Your

Ecellency humble & Obdt Servant
HORACE BEACH Leut
Comd'g Fort Wooster

NB. The man is now verry penitent and regrets verry much haveing inlisted in the service of the U. S. and says that the recruiting officers gave him drink verry plentifull and caused him to become intoxicated H. B.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Captain General Sharon

[Endorsed] Lieut. H. Beach answd 5th Jany 1815 —

## ORDER TO JOHN W. HANFORD

[7:118]

State of Connecticut — —

24. Decr 1814 —

*Lieut John W. Hanford*

*Sir* —

The force at Black Rock in Fairfield is to consist of 1. Lieut. 2 Sergts 2 corporals 2 musicians and twenty four privates and to be raised pursuant to the resolve of the General Assembly a copy whereof is hereunto annexed — You are designated to the command of that fortress— Col. Burr of the 4th regiment will detach suitable noncommissioned officers & place them under your command — The remainder you will engage by enlistment agreeably to the terms of the resolve to which I have referred — —

The Com. Genl will furnish subsistence and fuel, & the Q. M. G. the necessary military stores —

You will be vigilant in the preservation of the public property at that post and in the protection of the harbour of Blackrock — will watch the harbour of Bridgeport — keep correct muster rolls of your men — and pay the utmost attention to their health

cleanliness, comfort, morals and discipline — And as there is no intermediate officer now in actual service you will make return to the Commander in Chief monthly by mail of the state & condition of your command —

[Endorsed] Orders to Lieut. Hanford —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GERSHOM BURR

[7:119]

SHARON 24. Dec$^{r}$ 1814 —

*Dear Sir*

I have received your letter, and avail myself of the first mail to enclose to your care the requisite orders to Lieutenant Hanford —

In providing him with non commissioned officers it is desirable to detail such as are ready & willing to serve and are well qualified — If none such offer, others must be detached under your order — — — — — You will be pleased to favour Lieut. Hanford with your advise in forming his arrangements and thereby add to the obligations you have already conferred upon the public as well as upon D$^{r}$ Sir your obedient

& humble Ser$^{t}$

Col. G. BURR —

[Endorsed] To Col. Burr

## JONAH GATES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:120]

EAST HADDAM December 27 AD 1814

*To his excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr*

*Sir* I take this oppertuneity to petition to you for to grant an order to the Six Company in the 24$^{th}$ Regt for the chois of a Capt — — the vacantcy being made by the fomrer Capt being Discharged by Gen Levi Lusk Esq$^{r}$ by a recommend from me and he refusing to give an order on account of the Smallness of S$^{d}$ Company your pertitioner further Seith that he receaved a brigade order to make out the regimental returns and to Deliver them to the Brigade Major at new london the adjitant of the

24th Regt being on a tour of Duty at new london I Did make out the Sd returns of Sd Regt and went my Self and Carried them and Delivered them to Gen Lusk his in Spector being absant I went my Self for the purpos of Conversing with Gen Lusk on the Subject of obtaining an order for the Said Six Com — — — he Still Did refuse and Sed that he had rather the Capt Gen Should give an order then him Self and that the resons Should be given why he refused to give one. — — — upon this Conversation I thought proper to petition to your excellency for an order in answer to which I receaved your Letter of the 18th Nov last your pertitioner further Seith that on the receat there of he did write to Gen Lusk requesting him to grant an order for Sd Com to be led to a chois of a Capt — — — — I also Sent him a coppy of your Letter of the 18th of Nov that he might Sea in what Lite your excellency vewed the Subject — — — and Sir I receaved a very unexpected answer a coppy of which I Shall forward to you with the above your petitioner further Complains and Seith that he has Since he receaved the letter from Gen Lusk of the 8 of Dec he has wrote another letter to him on the Same Subject and he Did refuse to answer any orther ways then by the Bareer vorbally which was that he Should not give an order with out the Capt Gen ordered him to Do it

Sir I wrote in the 2d Letter to Gen Lusk that if he was wholly Detearmed to refuse wish him to wright me to that affect but receaved no orther answer but that By the Bareer — — for which resons I have thought proper to to troble your excellency once more with this Bisness all tho it is with the Depest regret that I am Compeld to Do it yet the urgency of the Case requirs it for the Company in question is almost Destroyed and will be wholly if there is nothing Done to revive it from the presant State it is now in and I know no orther way to Save the Com But to let them have an order and Chues a capt which I beleave will have a good affect the Leut & Enseign are Both yong Spritely offercers but in there presant Situation feel them Selves much ingered & Sheggrend and all the rest of the Com also have there feelings and the housholders are like-

wise Dissatisfide that there Company Should Be thus broken up it being the 1 Com in that Sosiaty and purrades by the meeting hous — —

Sir I will give you a Short Sketch of the vews I had in giving the former Capt a recommend for a Dis Charge that is this after he had applied to me for that purpos I thought it not proper at that time to grant his request But after making inquiry found that he was Sum what ignorant of his Duty and that the Company had become so Dissatisfied with him that his usefulness was Done in that Company and also in the regiment that being the Case and the oppinyen of ma$^{j}$ Beckwith that he ought to be Discharged I Did give him a recommend not thinking that this trubble would grow out of it. I hope that your Excellency will upon receaving this grant an order to Maj Jonathan Beckwith to head the 6$^{d}$ Com to a chois of a capt and sutch orther officers as Shall be necesary I remain with much esteam your obliged friend and humble Sarvant JONAH GATES Leut

Col Com of the 24$^{th}$ Regt

N B the reyurns of the S$^{d}$ Com are I think 21 privets altho they git not more then from 8 to 12 at a time in to the field

Coppy of Gen Lusk Letter

WETHERSFIELD December 8$^{th}$ 1814

*Sir*

your letter of yesterday has ben Receaved in which you Request me to give an order for the Chois of a Cap$^{t}$ in the 6$^{th}$ Company in the Regiment under your Command — you will Recollect that you officially informed me in your Recommend for the Dismision of the former Capt of S$^{d}$ company and as a reason why the Capt Should b Discharged that they would muster but about 7 or 8 privets in S$^{d}$ Company and I found that to be a fact on the last Revew which I think is a suffisant reason why I Should now refuse to give an order and will be untill I am in formed orther wise in regard to the State of the Company — — if it is your wish that I Should be Called in Questan by the governer for the neglect of Duty I am [rea]dy to meet you and Shall produse your offic[ial] letter to prove that there is not a Sufficiant number of men for a captains com-

pany if you Can Shew that their is a Sufficiant number of men I Shall give an order — — but Shall not be frightened to Do that which I Deem improper Sir with respect I am your humble Sarvant

L Lusk

A true Coppy test J — Gates

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotten Smith Esqr Sharon Ct.

[Endorsed] Capt. J. Gates — de leading a comp^y to a choice of officers —

## EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:121]

Norwich 28th Dec^r 1814

*My dear sir*

Last year when I went to Washington at the request of your excellency I drew from the Treasury of this state One hundred dollars towards expenses & to save the treasury of this state — — — I made out my account against the United States & handed to Col^o Mix to be forwarded to the department of war for auditing — — — As Adjutant General I was intitled to travelling allowance for baggage, & made out an account — — a copy is inclosed — — Finding the account unattended to I wrote M^r Munroe on the subject who has furnished me with the auditors remark which I inclose — The attempt to throw the expenses on the state, has stimulated me to endeavour to obtain it from the U States — — If your Excellency will certify what is the fact I apprehend it will be allowed & I hope paid; from which funds I shall be able to pay the treasurer the one hundred dollars advanced to me in July 1813

I am with much esteem
yours very sincerely
Eben: Huntington

His Excellency Gov^r Smith

Should your excellency feel willing to certify that I was in service & performed the duties as charged no further difficulty will be apprehended in obtaining payment — — —

Your Excellency will be pleased to inclose the papers to me after examination

respectfully yours
EBEN : HUNTINGTON

## DAVID DAGGETT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:122]

WASHINGTON Decr 30. 1814

*My dear sir.*

Your letter of 23d came to hand yesterday. The Senate on the 28th Inst. dispensed with the transmission of the conscription bill to you *till after the Second monday* of *March next.* Such demonstration has been given of the unconstitutionality of this measure & such agitation created by it among all parties in every quarter of the Union, that its friends would no longer sustain the monster. It was killed by a majority of one in the Senate. — — —

The bill for a bank has been met in both houses with great opposition. It will probably pass much as at first proposed. It is now deemed the great panacea, & of course must be administered.

The bills for taxes are nearly through. They will be soon read & fitt by the people I vote for as many of them as are equal. The land & whiskey taxes have my entire assent. That on domestic manufactures I tried to amend but still agreed to it tho' some of its provisions are very erroneous. The tax on furniture is a teasing vexatious & foolish scheme. It is a miserable shift of a bankrupt administration. I am sure it would divert you, even in the time of serious alarm, to witness the projects of these mountebanks. They all seem *moon struck.* Their great *abacadabra* now (for you know they always have something) is that the "resources of the nation are yet untouched". — This appears in all the Secys reports & in the speech of every democrat. They dispair of managing our affairs much longer unless peace should take place. — — —

The prospect from N. Orleans is very threatening. It is generally supposed here that it has fallen. In that event peace may be considered at *too* great a distance.

Probably some bill will pass which may come within the request in your letter to Mr Dana & myself — in which case you may soon expect a copy. With kind regards to Mrs S. & your children & *grand* children I am yours &c

DAVID DAGGETT

[Superscribed] Govenour SMITH
[Endorsed] Hon. D. Daggett 1814

## RECOMMENDATION OF ZEBEDEE STURTEVANT

[7:123]

*To his excellency John [C.] Smith. Esq*r

Should it be necessary to raise troops for the defence of this State we would recommend Capt Zebedee Sturtevant of Kent as a suitable person for office — — — —
He sustains a fair moral character, is free from intemperance and other vicious practices & possesses both bodily activity & mental firmness — — — He is an established military character — — When he was verry young he served a number of years in the revolutionary war & at its close he was well acquainted with military tacticks — — — Immediately after the revolution he entered the military list, was promoted to office & served in all the different grades from a private to a Captain — — — — —
In the opinion of the undersigned he is possessed of those military qualifications that render him competent to the command of a battalion or Regiment
KENT — Ct 2nd Jany 1815

JULIUS CASWELL Justt of peace
MATTHEW ELIOTT Justt of p
JOHN RAYMOND Justt of Peac
NATHL P PERRY Jus of Peace
MILLS BORDWELL Jus of Peace
JOHN H. SWIFT
JOHN MILLS Select Men
RUSILE FULLER
PHILO MILLS
LEWIS ST JOHN
PETER PRATT

Hopson Pratt
Erastus Chamberlan
Michael Spooner
Nath Berry
Abijah Berry
Jesse S^T John

[Superscribed] M^r Nathaniel Berry Sharon Kent Ct. Jan^y 10^th Paid 8

[Endorsed] Zebedee Sturtevant Kent — commission —

## ISAAC PERKINS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:124]

*To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Cap. Gen^l*

*Sir,*

Having the honor of two Commissions one a fourth Lieutenant in the 1^th Comp. of Your Excellency's Foot Guard, with rank from the 4^th Day of June last, the other as Cap^t of the 1^th Comp. of the 1^th Reg^t of Cavalry, with rank from the 4^th day of Oct^r last, I beg leave to assure Your Excellency that I will endeavour faithfully to discharge the office & trust of Capt. of Cavalry & respectfully request Your Excellency to accept my resignation of the fourth Lieutenantcy of the Guard

I am Sir with great respect
Your Excellency's devoted Servant
Isaac Perkins

Hartford Jan^ry 5^th 1815

[Superscribed] To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esq^r Sharon Pr. Post — Paid

[Endorsed] Isaac Perkins resignation as 4^th Lieut 1. Com. F. Guard accepted & order issued 14^th Jan^y 1815 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA COLT

[7:125]

Sharon 18. Jan^y 1817

*Dear Sir*

I have lately received a letter from David Gelston Esquire

collector of the port of New York informing me that he has sent to New Haven to the care of the Collector of that port, by order of the Secretary of State, "two boxes said to contain laws of the United States and two boxes of State papers, for the State of Connecticut" — — —

Under the impression that the distribution of these laws &c. should be made from your office I have thought proper to communicate to you this intelligence. Whenever you may obtain possession of the boxes, be pleased to apprize me of it, that I may comply with the request of the collector of New York in acknowledging the receipt of them — —

I am Dr Sir respectfully
Your obedient and humble
Servant —
J. C. Smith —

E. Colt Esqr
Comptroller — —

[Endorsed] To the Comptroller

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HORACE BEACH

[7:126]

Hartford 5. Jany 1815

*Sir* —

Your letter was received at the moment of my departure for this place —

The officers of the United States have no right to enlist recruits from troops regularly in the service of this State. You will therefore retain the individual therefore mentioned in your letter, but propriety as well as justice requires that the bounty he has received be restored —

As there is no intermediate officer now on duty you will make returns to me monthly by mail of the state of your command — —

## LINAH MIMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:127]

Printed document concerning proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Omitted in this publication.

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO THOMAS DAY

[7:128]

SHARON 17. Aug. 1815

*Dr Sir* —

The Governours of the states of Delaware Maryland North Carolina & Ohio have severally sent me the late Acts passed by their respective legislatures — — and they are herewith transmitted to your office — The Governour of Delaware in particular requests that the favour may be reciprocated —

Since I have been in office I have had no agency in the transmission of our laws to any of those states which have furnished us with theirs — My impression has been that by a standing resolution of the Genl Assembly this duty is devolved upon the Secretary — — Will you have the goodness to inform me whether such is the fact or whether it is made the duty of the executive? — If the latter, I must request you will send me such a number of copies as will enable me to supply the omission without further delay — —

I am respectfully & sincerely
Dr Sir your obedient —
hm. Sert —

THOMAS DAY Esqr.
Secretary &c —

[Endorsed] Thos. Day Esqr 17. Aug. 1815 De acts of State &c —

## STATE OF MARYLAND TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:129]

Printed document concerning proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Omitted in this publication.

## THOMAS DAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:130]

At a special session of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut convened by Proclamation of His Excellency the Governour and holden at Hartford in said State on the fourth Wednesday of January A. D. 1815.

Resolved by this Assembly that the Governour be and he is hereby authorized and requested to cause to be paid the Militia of this State, who served in pursuance of orders legally issued between May 1st 1813 and January 1st 1814, and who are entitled to pay, and yet remain unpaid, and direct that the same be charged to the United States —

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY Secretary

[Endorsed] Resolve de pay of militia issued order to P. Master Gen[l] 23. Feb[y] 1815

## RESOLUTION OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY RETURNS

[7:131]

The Committee appointed to receive and examine Military Returns upon the return made of a choice of Captain in the 4[th] Company, 27[th] Regiment, beg leave to make a special report,

That they find that Ebenezer Dudley is returned as duly chosen Captain in said Company — that against said choice there is a Remonstrance setting forth that said choice was illegal; which Remonstrance your Committee have duly heard and considered, and find the facts therein set forth are true, and are of opinion that said choice is illegal, and that said Dudley ought not to be commissioned; and recommend that the Captain-General be requested to issue orders directing a new choice of Captain in said Company.

All which is respectfully submitted —
Signed per Order —
JOSIAH GRIFFIN

General Assembly, Special Session, January 1815.

In the House of Representatives — The within Report is accepted, and His Excellency the Governour is requested to issue his orders in pursuance thereof.

Attest

CHA^S DENISON Clerk

Concurred in the Upper House

Attest

THOMAS DAY Secretary

A true Copy from the files —

Examined by

THOMAS DAY Secretary

[Endorsed] Resolve de military order

## RESOLUTION OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY RETURNS

[7:132]

Your Committee appointed to receive and examine military returns specially report upon a return made of the choice of Ensign in the 1st Company in the 24th Regiment

That Jehiel Anable is returned as duly chosen Ensign of said Company; that against said choice there is a Remonstrance setting forth that said choice was illegal, which Remonstrance your Committee have duly heard, and find the facts therein set forth to be true, and are of opinion that said choice is illegal, and that said Anable ought not to be commissioned, and recommend that the Captain-General be requested to direct a new choice of Ensign in said Company.

All which is respectfully submitted —

Signed per Order

JOSIAH GRIFFIN

General Assembly, Special Session, January 1815.

In the House of Representatives — the foregoing Report is accepted and His Excellency the Governour is requested to issue his Order accordingly.

Attest. CHA^S DENISON Clerk —

Concurred in the Upper House —
Attest.
THOMAS DAY Sec^y
A true Copy from the files
Attest.
THOMAS DAY Secretary
[Endorsed] Resolve de military order —

## ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO RAISE TROOPS FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE STATE"

[7:133]

An Act in addition to an Act entitled "An Act to raise Troops for the defence of the State."

Be it enacted by the Governour and Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled That the Commander in Chief of this State be and hereby is authorized at his discretion to order the Troops to be raised by said Act to which this is in an addition, to do duty and serve in this or any adjoining State, anything in said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Gen^l Assembly Special Session, Jan^y 1815.

A true Copy
Examined by
THOMAS DAY Sec^y

[Endorsed] Copy of Act de troops &c —

## RESOLVE FOR PURCHASE OF SHOT, ETC.

[7:134]

At a special session of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut convened by Proclamation of His Excellency the Governour, and holden at Hartford in said State, on the fourth Wednesday of January A. D. 1815.

Resolved that this Assembly do approve of the Measures taken by the Governour to carry into effect the Act entitled "An Act to raise Troops for the defence of this State," passed in October 1814.

Resolved further, that the Captain General be authorized to cause to be purchased two hundred and fifty rounds of grape, canister, and round shot, in due proportions, including what is on hand, for each cannon fit and prepared for service in this State.

A true Copy of record
Examined by
THOMAS DAY, Secretary
Order issued 4th February 1815 —
[Endorsed] Resolve for purchase of shot &c

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JEREMIAH STURGES

[7:135]

HARTFORD 4. Jany 1815

*Sir* —

I have concluded, notwithstanding the repeal of the resolution heretofore mentioned, that the men belonging to your company who have been in service at Mill-river shall be paid — On examining the subject maturely I am satisfied the legislature did not mean the repeal should be retrospective altho' the words would seem to bear that import — Accordingly the Paymaster-General who is now here is informed by me that the order given him early the last season for the payment of the troops must be considered as including the detachment at Mill-river — and he readily engages to execute it without delay — He will write you immediately and prescribe the form in which the business is to be accomplished —

I am Sir respectfully your
obt Sert —

Capt. STURGES —
[Endorsed] To Capt. J. Sturges 4. Jany 1815 —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ANDREW KINGSBURY

[7:136]

HARTFORD 5. Jany 1815

*Sir*

I subjoin an extract from the minutes of the council of

safety & can only add my entire concurrence in the opinion expressed by the board —

It is my desire & also that of the council that, under the authority you have already received, you will make an effort to borrow from some one or all of the banks in Connecticut ten or fifteen thousand dollars in their own bills or those of any of the incorporated banks of the State — —

I am Sir &c —

A. Kingsbury Esqr

[Endorsed] To the Treasurer — 5. Jan$^{y}$ 1815

## GERSHOM BURR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:137]

Fairfield 5$^{th}$ Jan$^{y}$ 1815

*Sir*

The guard at Black rock is at length completed — — L$^{t}$ Hanford I suppose will make returns of his doings this day — — I have detach'd a Sergeant Beers from the Matross Comp$^{y}$ attach'd to the 4$^{th}$ Reg$^{t}$ but I am very much disappointed in the man — — He is for the most part of the time sick and unfit for duty — — And if well is good for nothing He wishes to be discharged and I think I can furnish an excellent substitute — — I would thank you Sir for your advice on this subject — —

I am Sir
Your Excellency's
very Hu$^{l}$ Ser$^{t}$
Gershom Burr

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Esq$^{r}$ Hartford Fairf. 5 Jany Forwarded

[Endorsed] Col. G. Burr — 5. Jan$^{y}$ 1815 rec$^{d}$ & answ$^{d}$ 14$^{th}$ directed him to detail another sergeant —

## JOHN W. HANFORD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:138]

Fort Union Black Rock Jan$^{y}$ 9$^{th}$ 1815

*His Exelency John C Smith Esquire —*

*Sir*

I have thot Propper to acquaint Your Exelency of some Ungentlemanlike conduct of Gray Smith Capt$^{n}$ of the Schooner Caroline of Glastenbury Seventy Seven Tons Burthen — — which Vessel hove in sight on the Morning of the first Instant Standing to the South wind Souwest, Two Vessels went out of Bridge Port Harbour, at the Same time (and Two from this Harbour) bound Eastward the Instant they saw the Schooner kept away) every attempt was made to get within the Schooner & keep their Coars eastward, Said Schooner would heave in stays & Run them close in Shore and (drive them back to the harbours and thus continued untill Three O Clock in the afternoon of same day) when close in — — with the Harbour appearantly Cutting of the two latter Sloops, I thot propper to heave a Twelve pound Shot a head of her in — Order to bring her too Said Schooner Imediately Luffed into the wind Brailed up her Foresail and lay for the Value of one Minute or More, in this Raking position on the Sloops I Imediately Loaded the Twelve pounder again at which Time Said Schooner dropped her pique and kept away for the Harbour) The Sloops then squar$^{d}$ away & Steared eastward I Imediately ordered her Boat Master & papers on Shore and found her as before discribed the — hands on Bord acknowled that the Capt was — — trying his Vesel to See what She would do — as She was Just of the Stocks and this was the first time they had eve[r] Saild her. I then demanded pay for the Shot (Capt Smith Refused) I kept him Under Cover of the Fort Untill I coud Consult Co$^{l}$ G Burr, he thot it my duty to Report to Your Exelency & let him go) the Capt was the principal owne

Yours Most Respectfully
to obey
John W Hanford Lu$^{t}$ Com$^{d}$

NB. I Boarded Said Schooner & found She was Laden with onions & wood in the hole Said Schooner was privateer Built

J H

[Superscribed] JOHN COTTON SMITH Capt Gen[l] in and Ove State Conn[t] Sharon Fairf 16 Jany 10

[Endorsed] Lieut. J. W. Hanford reports for January 1815 — answ[d] 11 Feb[y] 1815

## JOHN W. HANFORD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:139]

Fort Union BLACK ROCK Jan[y] 10. 1815

*His Excelency John C Smith Esq[r]*

*Sir*

have thot proppe to Transmit Your Excelency a Copy of Infantry Enlisted and placed under my command at this Fortress Copy) we whoes names are hereunto affixt agree to Serve the State of Connecticut at Fort Union in Black Rock — — under the Command of Lut John W Hanford for the Term of Six Months from the date here of Unless Sooner discharg[d] Said Hanford engages on the part of the State that the underwritten Shall Receive the Same pay and Rations as are allowed by Law to the Militia of S[d] State whin enterd Into actual Service Dated at Fairfield this 15 Day of

December 1814 — —

Sir as one Sheet of paper would not contain a draft of the enlisting orders have only sent Your Excelency the Names of those enlisted With the day & Date) If your Exceleny wishes will Send you the origional — — —

Yourts to Serve

JOHN W HANFORD Lu[t] Com[t]

| N° | Names | Rank | Commencement of Servis | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | John W Hanford | Liut | Dec[r] 15. | 1814 |
| 2 | Joseph Bulkley | fist Sergt | 26 | " |
| 3 | Ephraim B Beers | 2[d] D° | 17 | " |
| 4 | Aaron Adams | 1[st] Corporal | 15 | " |

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| 5 | Winthrop Willson | 2d Do | 7 | Jany | 1815 |
| 6 | Saml Beers | Drummer | 30 | Decr | 1814 |
| 7 | Abraham M Wheeler | Fifer | 15 | " | " |
| 8 | Zalman Godfry | Private | 15 | " | " |
| 9 | Hezekiah Davis | " | 15 | " | " |
| 10 | A Godfrey | " | 16 | " | " |
| 11 | John Godfry | " | 16 | " | " |
| 12 | Noah Burr | " | 19 | " | " |
| 13 | Henry Squire | " | 19 | " | " |
| 14 | Sturges Squire | " | 19 | " | " |
| 15 | John Squire | " | 19 | " | " |
| 16. | Abraham Wynkoop | " | 19 | " | " |
| 17- | Henry Jennings | " | 19 | " | " |
| 18 | David Potter | " | 19 | " | " |
| 19 | Wm West | " | 21st | " | " |
| 20 | Isaac H Osborn | " | 21 | " | " |
| 21 | David Craft | " | 21 | " | " |
| 22 | Ezra Knapp | " | 23 | " | " |
| 23 | Hezekiah Mills | " | 23 | " | " |
| 24 | Elezer Willson | " | 23 | " | " |
| 25 | James Robertson | " | 26 | " | " |
| 26 | John Jarred | " | 27 | " | " |
| 27 | Munson Bennitt | " | 27 | " | " |
| 28 | Ebenr Parrat | " | 27 | " | " |
| 29 | Eli Brotherton | " | 28 | " | " |
| 30 | Elijah Baker | " | 28 | " | " |
| 31 | Aaron Squire | " | 30 | " | " |

I Certify the within Described is a True Copy of the Names of Soldiers Enlisted

JOHN W HANFORD Liut Comt,

[Superscribed] His Exelency JOHN C SMITH Esq State Connt
Sharon Fairfield 19 Jany 10

## WILLIAM W. WOOLSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:140]

Eagle Bank New Haven
Jan 11 1815

*Sir*

I had the honour to receive your Excellencys favour of the 5th Ins, stating that a loan on the Bills of the New York Banks would not meet the exigencies of the State; and that a loan in the Bills of the Connecticut Banks would particularly accommodate the Treasury.

The Directors of this Bank have every disposition to aid the Treasury of the State, at this season of public pressure; and it is not a little painful to them, that it is not in their power to make any loan in the Bills of their own or other Banks of this State; but those bills having ceased to pass as circulatory medium, and being bought and sold by speculators at a high premium, principally for the purpose of extracting specie from the Banks, they no longer come home except for that purpose; and as there is now no way in which the Banks can replenish their vaults with specie; your Excellency will perceive that it would be peculiarly injurious to issue their notes under such circumstances.

I have the honour to be,
with great respect
Your obed Serv
Wm W Woolsey Prest

His Excellency
Governor Smith

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor Smith Sharon 10

[Endorsed] Mr Woolsey Jany 1815

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN W. HANFORD

[7:141]

Sharon 11. Feby 1815 —

*Sir*

Your several letters of the 9th 10th & 14th Jany last arrived

here during my absence at the late Session of the General Assembly —

I shall cause an inquiry to be instituted into the conduct of the Captain of the schooner Caroline to which you allude — —

I am gratified that you succeeded so well in raising the competent number of men for the service in which you are engaged — The enlistment seems to have been very properly conducted —

It was unnecessary to purchase flints as we have an abundant supply in the arsenal — You will write the Q. M. General & request him to furnish you with the requisite number for the muskets in your possession —

At the next meeting of the council of Safety I will submit to their consideration the expediency of providing a platform for your guns —

I am Sir your obedient ser$^{t}$

J. C. S —

Lieut Jno H. Hanford Commanding
at Black rock — —

[Endorsed] To Lieut. J. W. Hanford 11. Feb$^{y}$ 1815

## JOHN W. HANFORD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:142]

A Monthly Return of a Corp of Infantry in the Service of the State of Connecticut stationed at Fort Union in Black Rock under the Command of Lieut. John W Hanford from 15. of Dec$^{r}$ 1814 to Jan$^{y}$ 14 1815 inclusive — — —

[Statistical tables, omitted in this publication.]

I now take the liberty of Informing Your Exelency the State in which I found this Fortress and what Military stores I have viewed (found In the fort two long Eigteen pounders Mounted on Field Cariages) one Short Twelve pounder Mounted on Ship-Cariage and one Brass Six pounder Mounted on Field Cariage Seventy four eighteen pound Balls Twelve Twelve pound Balls and 4 Twelve pound Canisters of grape Shot with a Sufficient Complement of working aparatus — — — — —

I have recived two eighteen and eight Twelve lb Cartrages, I am Informed their is More amunition Deposited in the hands of the

Committee near by which I can have at a moments warning Recived of Co[l] G Burr 28 Guns and Bayonets & Cartrage Boxes with 26 Rounds of Cartrages in each Box (and other Camp Equipage Sufficient) except Brooms & one Camp Kittle — — We are Much in want of a platform in the Fort it is verry difficult to bring the guns to Bair on a pine blank shot without plowing the top of the Brestwork — the Barracks are Small although Comfortable — I have not Recived any Flints we are Much in want I purchased one for Each gun. & Charged the Same

JOHN W HANFORD Lut Com[t]

His Exeleny JOHN C SMITH Esq[r]

[Superscribed] His Exelency JOHN C SMITH Esq[r] State Conn[t] Sharon — — — Fairfield 19 Jany 10

## JOSEPH TRUMBULL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:143]

*His Excellency*
*Gov[r] Smith*
*My Dear Sir*

M[r] Daniel Buck has desired me to write & request Your Excellency to issue an order directing him to lead the Horse Guards lately commanded by Major Keyes to a choice of officers —

It is the wish of M[r] Buck that this may be done before the meeting of the General Assembly — — — —

Some Gentlemen in this vicinity have intimated an opinion that the usual civilities paid our chief Magistrate on convening the assembly ought not to be dispensed with. But I believe the course directed by Your Excellency will give general satisfaction

With the greatest respect
Your obed[t] Servant
JOS. TRUMBULL

HARTFORD Jan[y] 10[th] 1815

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon — — 10

[Endorsed] Col. Trumbull — de choice of Major Com$^{t}$ Horse Guards — order issued 14$^{th}$ Jan$^{y}$ 1815 —

## RESOLVE AUTHORIZING COMMISSIONS, ETC.

[7:144]

At a Special Session of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut convened by Proclamation of his Excellency the Governour, and holden at Hartford in said State on the fourth Wednesday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen — — — —

Resolved that his Excellency the Governour be authorized and impowered to appoint two Commissioners to proceed immediately to the Seat of the national Government and in pursuance of such instructions as his Excellency may think proper to give them to make an earnest application to the Government of the United States, requesting their consent to some arrangement whereby the State of Connecticut may separately or in concert with neighbouring States be empowered to assume upon themselves the defence of their Territory against the enemy and a reasonable portion of the Taxes collected within said States may be paid into the respective Treasuries therof and appropriated to the payment of the balance due said States and to the future defence of the same. The amount so paid into the said Treasuries to be credited and the disbursements made as aforesaid to be charged to the United States. And the Senators and Representatives of this State, in Congress are hereby requested to cooperate in effecting this object.

A true Copy of record. Attest. THOMAS DAY Sec$^{y}$

[Endorsed] Resolution authorizing Commissions &c — Jan$^{y}$ 1815

## DIODATE BROCKWAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:145]

ELLINGTON January $^{th}$23 AD 1815

*Hon$^{d}$ Sir,*

I acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter, dated at

Hartford January the 5, in which you express a desire, that I should "consent to preach before the Honorable the General Assembly, at the next anniversary Election". Providence permitting, I will comply with your Excellency's request.

With sentiments
of the highest resp[ect]
and esteem, I remain
your Excellency's obedient
and humble Servant —
DIODATE BROCKWAY.

His Excellency Governor SMITH. —
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH Hartford
[Endorsed] Rev^d M^r Brockway's acceptance —

## WILLIAM C. LEFFINGWELL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:146]

NEW HAVEN 23^rd Jan: 1815.

*Sir,*

In my letter of 14^th ins^t addressed to your Excellency at Sharon, I stated, that as the proceedings of the Court Martial on Capt. Thompson were voluminous, I should retain them (unless otherwise directed) until some private oppertunity — Not having received any instructions on the subject, they have remained in my possession — — I have now the honour to forward by Col. Staples, a record of the said proceedings; & remain

with great respect
your ob^dt s^vt
WILLIAM C. LEFFINGWELL
Judge Advocate of Court
Martial for trial of
Capt. Thompson

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford
S. P. Staples Esq^r

[Endorsed] Capt. Leffingwell transmitting the proceedings of Court Martial on trial of Capt. Thompson — rec$^{d}$ 26. Jan$^{y}$ 1815

## JOHN DARLING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:147]

WOODBRIDGE Jan$^{y}$ 23$^{rd}$ 1815

*Your Excellency*

*Sir*

Having a desire to be serviceable to the State, I hereby offer myself to your consideration as a Candidate for an appointment in the "New Army" to be raised for the defence of the State. I would be pleased to accept of any *post* that I might have the honor to be appointed to, (not inferior to a 1$^{st}$ Lieutenant)

I have ranked as follows,

A Sergeant, Quarter Master-Sergeant, Ensign & Lieutenant in the Militia — — A 1$^{st}$ Lieu$^{tn}$ and Captain in State Troops — — — I have the honor to be your. —

Obedient Servant —

JOHN DARLING

[Superscribed] His Excellency — JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq$^{r}$ Hartford

[Endorsed] John Darling Woodbridge — Capt. — —

## GEORGE ELLIOTT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:148]

KILLINGWORTH Jan$^{ry}$ 23$^{rd}$ AD 1815

*His Excellency Gov$^{r}$ Smith.*

*Sir.* When I had last the honour of seeing your Excellency, you will doubtless recollect, I expressed a wish in behalf of my son, that he might have a commission in the corps then contemplated to be raised for the defence of this State. not knowing when your Excellency, and the Hon. Council will proceed to the appointment of the Officers, I have thought best to address a line to your Excellency respectfully requesting that if the appointment is to be made during the present session of

the Council, your Excellency would be good enough to give Mr Dibble the bearer of this, and one of our Representatives, such information as your Excellency shall think proper to communicate respecting the subject. My Son has recommendations from Saybrook where he has served his Tour this summer. which he will forward by Mr Dibble. if other signatures from this place beside the personal recommendations of Esqr Lane and Mr Dibble (and to whom I beg leave specially to refer your Excellency) should be deemed proper or necessary a word to this effect to Mr Dibble would be considered as a favor.

My Son having served in the matross would probably prefer that line, but if your Excellency and the Hon. Council should honor him with a commission, he most cheerfully submits it to your determination, where, and in what line, he shall serve his Country. — — — — Your Excellency will permit me to express my high personal esteem and consideration

and that I am respectfully
Your Excellency's
most Obedt Huml Servt
GEORGE ELLIOTT.

Governor SMITH.

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr SMITH. — Hartford. P favor of Mr Dibble

[Endorsed] George Elliott's application for his son — regular army —

## NATHAN TISDALE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:149]

BRIDGEPORT 25 Janury 1815

*Sir* Presuming that during the continuation of the present war some bodies of troops will necessaryly be stationed in this vicinity— I take the liberty of applying to your Excellency for an appointment in the Medical Staff attached to this section of the State— As I immagin the attendance required by the troops in this quater will not be so great as materially to interfere with my present avocations— I am induced to offer my services in that department from persuasion that being already furnished

with all the necessary instruments of the Surgical profession. I can perform all the duties required in this quarter with equal advatage to the troops and less expence to the State than would accrue from the appointment of a person residing at such a distance that he could not at the same time attend his ordinary patients. — For information respecting my abilities to perform the duties of this station — I beg leve to refer to John S. Cannon Esq^r member of the Assembly from Stratford. — —

With much respect & esteem I have the
honor to be your Excellencys
Ob^t humble Serv^t
NATHAN TISDALE.

[Superscribed] His Excellency the Governour

[Endorsed] Doct. Tisdale of Bridgeport — requesting to be employed as physician to the troops there — referred him to the Com. Gen^l —

## HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:150]

NEW LONDON Jan^y 26^th 1815

*His Excellency*
*John Cotton Smith*
*sir*

Agreeable to your request I have mentioned to Cap^t Thomas Allyn of the Cavalry that your Excellency would accept of a Company of Cavalry to become a company of Flying Artillery, to which proposition he said he would immediately call his company to gether which consists of About 30— — officers & Soldiers & the following condition they have signed — "We the subscribers belonging to the 2^d Troop in the 3^rd Reg^t Cavalry Connectic^t Militia do hereby Volunteer ourselves to be converted into Horse Artillery & to hold ourselves in readiness as such for the Constitutional defence of this State on condition that we be furnished with apiece with all the necessary apparatus & Horses to draw the same at the expence of the State & that we are not to be dismounted except while exercising the same likewise the Cap^t shall have the priviledge of enlarging the num-

ber of s^d company to full complement & to fill the vacancies that may take place by removal or otherwise at any time & that there shall be no alterations in any respect with regard to uniforms & equipage of every kind" — — — — —

I have made enquiry what it will cost to build the Carriages for the 6 lb. Cannon, & I can have them made in this place for $210 — each for five or more — the Mechanics have some timber which has been docked for four years & of the best quality — I believe the work will be well done & according to contract or pattern — they wish an answer immediately as some of their best workmen are now unimployed & may soon be engaged in some other work — — —

with the highest respect
I am your Excellency Obedient
& Humble serv^t
HEZ. GODDARD

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford

[Endorsed] Major Goddard P. M. Gen^l rec^d at Hartford with another of subsequent date requesting a draft of $2 or 3000 —

## SAMUEL W. DANA AND DAVID DAGGETT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:151]

WASHINGTON Jan^y 27. 1815.

*Sir,*

Instead of a bill for military conscription, we have the honor of communicating a law to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of state troops and of volunteers. The provisions for receiving into service and supporting troops raised under authority of any of the states for local defence are so interesting in the present condition of affairs that an authenticated copy has been obtained for transmission the first opportunity after the act was known to have received the President's signature.

With respectful consideration,
we are Your very obedient
SAM^L W. DANA
DAVID DAGGETT

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Governor of Connecticut

[Endorsed] Letter from Messr^s Dana & Daggett —

## HORACE BEACH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:152]

Fort Wooster — EAST HAVEN 28^th Jan^y 1815

*Sir*

your Excellencys letter of the 5^th Instant was recv^d The Individual their mentioned, is now and has ever since been at his duty — — I omited to mention in my other letter that I tendered the Bounty he had recv^d to the officer who inlisted him the next morning after his inlistment, which he refused to receive

For Your information of the number and situation of the men under my command I have inclosed this mornings report — — The men are most of them verry destitute of clouthing — — They have improved verry well in the Infantry exercise, but we have not made much progress in the exercise of the large guns in the fort for, want of a platform I have drawn on the Ass^t Q. M. General for but a small quantaty of Powder — in consequence of the walls of the Magazine not being dry which occasions a moisture which would be verry injurious to Powder — And in case we were apprehensive of immeadet danger we could verry soon have it over from New Haven where it is stored. In case your Excellency should determine to rase a part or the whole of the force authorised by the Legislator at their last Session, I should be verry happy to command a company in it, for information respecting my caracter, conduct, and abilatys, I would beg leave to refer you to the representatives from New Haven or any other Gentlemen with whoom you may be acquainted from that place

I am a large sufferer by the failure of Mess^rs Lucius Smith & Co of Litchfield and wish verry much to be absent from the

Fort 5 or 6 days for the purpose of seeing them — — Can I have liberty the fore part of next month — If I can will you have the goodness to inform me by mail And Much Oblige Your
Excellencys humble and
obedient Servant
HORACE BEACH
Liu$^{t}$ Comd$^{g}$ — — —

Governor SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq$^{r}$
Hartford

[Endorsed] Lieut. H. Beach return — 28. Jan$^{y}$ 1815 answ$^{d}$ 1. Feb$^{y}$ gave leave of absence

## MORNING REPORT OF VOLUNTEERS AT FORT WOOSTER

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Statistical table, omitted in this publication.

## AMAZIAH BRAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:154]

KILLINGWORTH
Jan$^{y}$ 30$^{th}$
1815

*His Excellency*
*John C Smith*
*Sir*

Lieut Reuben Kelsey formaly of Say Brook & 2$^{nd}$ Lieut. of the 2nd Comp. of st. Artillery (under my Command) — is now at this place from the state of New York to which place he remov$^{d}$ Last Season — he has been enrolled In the Militia of that State — — & Subject to do duty as a private — — liable to be drafted — the ensuing Season to do duty on the Lines &c — his Gen$^{l}$ Informs him that — a *formal Discharge* from Your Excellency — will be sufficient to *release* him from his unpleasant situation In that State & guard him against any Liability to be call$^{d}$ on & c — — —

Lieut Kelsey is very anxious to obtain a Document of so much Importance to him — — — he has requested of me to solicit of your Excellency, this favour for him — — he expects to Leave this state the last of this week or the first of next — — Your Excellency will recollect that his vacantcy has longe since been fill[d] In the Company — —

Should your Excellency be willing to send Lieut Kelsey a *formal discharge* by the returning Mail the favour would be greatfully received

I am verry respectfully
your Excellency's Ob[t]
Serv[t] —
AMAZIAH BRAY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Governor of St. of Connecticut Hartford Killingworth Jan[y] 31[st]

[Endorsed] Capt. Bray 30. Jan[y] 1815 answ[d] 2. Feby — enclosed discharge or certificate to that effect —

## EBENEZER TANNER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:155]

*May it please your Excellency* Cyrus Tanner now residing in the Village of Troy in the State of Newyork has requested me to recommend him to your Excellency for a Commission in the Connecticut State Troops He is a Native of this town Son of Cap[t] Ephraim Tanner late of Warren is between thirty five and forty years of Age has a decent education and a fair moral and professional religious Character and handsome Military tallents and I expect would fill the part of first Lieu[t] or perhaps command a Company he is now one of the Commiss[d] Officers in the independant Com[y] called the Trogan Green and has been in Service with his company three or four months the last Season on Long Island I think it probable that he will be able to recruit a number of men where he now resides as well as in his native Town and State if they are wanted

Wishing your Excellency the Smiles of
Providence and an agreeable Session
I remain your humble Servant
EBENEZER TANNER

WARREN Jan$^{y}$ 30$^{th}$ 1815
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Hartford
[Endorsed] Cyrus Tanner Troy — Subaltern —

## JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[7:156]

HARTFORD 31. Jan$^{y}$ 1815

*D$^{r}$ Sir*

M. Gen$^{l}$ Humphreys this day informs me that the volunteer company in Ellington were led to a choice of officers more than one year since in consequence of the discharge of Capt. Wells and the returns made to your office, but that no commissions have been received — I presume as I told the General, that there must have been some miscarriage either of the return or of the commissions — Will you be pleased to attend to this subject without loss of time? — The officers elect express much uneasiness at the delay — —

I am D$^{r}$ Sir very sincerely
your ob$^{t}$ Ser$^{t}$

Major Gen$^{l}$ E. HUNTINGTON
Ad. Gen$^{l}$ —
[Endorsed] To Major Gen$^{l}$ — E. Huntington 31. Jan$^{y}$ 1815 —

## ELIZABETH SMITH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:157]

*Dear Sir,*

Your obliging communication of the 28$^{th}$ December, reached me some time since, and excited fresh emotions of gratitude in view of your kindness in attending to my small concerns notwithstanding the many and important duties, attatched to the elevated station, which you, sir, have the honor of maintaining,

I have thus long delayed writing in the hope of having snow, that I might send directly to Sharon and it is my intention, as soon as the snow will render a journey to Conn. practicable, to dispatch a man thither for the purpose of removing the few remaining articles I have there —

Doubtless before this, you have received intelligence of the death of Mrs Doolittle, On my return from Sharon I found her subject to a fever, I continued with her during her illness, which terminated Nov 13th She had, throughout her sickness, expressed a perfect indifference with regard to the result, though her prevailing inclination was to depart, and be with christ. She was a complete model of female excellence — uniting with every mental accomplishment — a beautiful countenance, soft and engaging manners, with piety the most fervant — She has left two little girls, to feel at some future period, the loss of which they have now no adequate conception —

I trust I shall be excused for dwelling so long upon this to me, interesting, th'o melancholly subject.

Mr and Mrs Porter present their united respects to yourself and Mrs Smith Be kind enough to remember my affectionate respects to Mrs Smith together-with your son and his amiable wife to whose polite attention while in Sharon I feel myself much indebted.

That you, dear Sir, may have that wisdom which is from above, to direct you in the discharge of those duties encumbent upon you in your responsible station — is the earnest prayer of yours — with ever increasing

regard —

ELIZABETH SMITH

BELCHERTOWN January
1815 —

*PS. Dear Sir*

Since writing the above, I have determined on directing this to Hartford, If you could, Sir, without inconvenience, deposit the money in the hands of some person in that place, I could probably procure it in the course of two or three weeks. Indeed Mr. Porter thinks he shall be in Hartford himself, shortly. but do not let my request subject you sir to any inconvenience —

I am not insensible that the multiplicity of business with which your attention must be occupied — renders it next to impropper that I should address you at this time — But necessity must plead my excuse.

If you will have the goodness to [write] me a line previous to your leaving — you will much oblige Sir —

Yours &c —
E Smith

Belcher February 1st 1815 —

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Sharon Conn
Belchertown 6 february Forwd

[Endorsed] Elizh Smith — 6. Feby 1815 — recd at Sharon 11th

## JONATHAN TODD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:158]

*His Excellency Govr Smith*

*Sr*

I take the liberty to recommend to your Excellency Mr Jonathan M. Hand as a young Gentleman well qualified to be a Subaltern officer in the Troops propos'd to be raised in this State — — He is the son of Daniel Hand Esqr of E Guilford, he is about twenty two years of age, has a good education has been out for one Tour of Duty, is possessed of considerable Military ardor, Taste and ambition — his connections are respectable — as I believe he is the only Person who hath been mentioned as a candidate for office in the place where he resides I really wish that he might receive an appointment —

I am Sr with great respect
your Excellency's most humble Servt
Jonathan Todd

Hartford Feby 1st 1815

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr Smith Present —

[Endorsed] Jonh M. Hand — Guilford — Subaltern —

## MICHAEL OLCOTT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:159]

HARTFORD February 2nd 1815

*Sir*

Your Excellency's letter of the 1st Inst I had the honour of receiving last evening — I am informed by it, that Your Excellency and the Honble Council have appointed me a member of a board "to adjust the accounts of the Quarter Master General, Commissary General and Pay Master General, and to ascertain the amount of the War expences of this State"

In accepting the trust, which has been confered upon me, by this appointment; I beg leave to say Sir, that I am very sensible of the honour which is done me — And it shall be my best endeavours to perform its duties in such a manner as to merit the approbation of those, from whom this trust is received —

I am with great Respect
Your Excellency's
Most obedient and
Humble Servant
MICHAEL OLCOTT

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford — —

[Endorsed] Major Olcott — acceptance —

## HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[7:160]

NEW LONDON Feby 3d 1815

*Sir*

I had calculated to have been at Hartford this week but have been detained on account of the indisposition of Mrs Goddard. I have to request that your Excellency would send me an order on the Comptroller for money sufficient to pay the troops now on duty, two or three Thousand Dollars will be suffient untill I settle

my accounts with the Comptroller which will be as soon as I can leave home,

with great respect
I am your Excellency
Obedient & Humble
Se^rt^ Hez. Goddard Pay Master
General

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Govenour Hartford N. London. C Feb — 3

[Endorsed] Major Goddard — 3. Feb^y^ 1815 — drew on comptroller for $2500 — 4^th^ Feb^y^ 1815 — Same day $2000 to Q. M. General Scarborough

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